

Officials say Dayan erred banning talks with American black leaders

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter and Agencies

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan characterized as "unhelpful" attempts by outside groups, including American blacks, to mediate between Israel and the PLO. He was speaking Wednesday evening at a press conference in Washington.

But in Jerusalem yesterday senior government officials described as "scandalous" and "ridiculous" Dayan's decision to bar any official from greeting, meeting or briefing three prominent American black leaders now visiting the Middle East.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's decision not to meet black leader Jesse Jackson, announced on Wednesday, was taken at Dayan's request, it was learned yesterday.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek yesterday said that he had decided to meet Jackson despite the advice of the Foreign Ministry to the contrary. The meeting will take place next Monday, he said in an interview on the Kol Yisrael newscast.

Kolek said he thought the Foreign Ministry had erred. It was always thought, that to create an image of being so sure of the justice of our position that we were unwilling to

argue or to listen to the opinions of others.

Dayan told the press that Israel was at the moment "deeply involved in what we think are productive negotiations" with Egypt on all aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"We don't really think it would be helpful if any additional parties — whether the European community or the American black community or any other party — would try to mediate between us and the Arabs."

Dayan seemed intent on avoiding further tension between the black and the American-Jewish communities over the PLO issue. "For us," he said, "American blacks are Americans, just like American whites and any other Americans. Whether you in your own country want to be in another community or not, that's your own business and I know nothing about that."

For the past three days, officials of the Foreign Ministry and of the Prime Minister's Office have been trying to persuade Dayan to change his mind. They are apprehensive that his decision may have a devastating effect on Israel's already tense relationship with U.S. blacks in the wake of the Andrew Young affair.

Begin has been approached by U.S. Jewish leaders, influential Israelis, and his own key advisers.

But he has been reluctant to overrule Dayan on the grounds that the matter is entirely in his province. It appears that the premier, who has lately been at odds with Dayan on other issues, does not want to exacerbate matters at this stage.

Officials in Jerusalem, despite their almost daily contact with Dayan, say that they fail to see the logic of his position. They are afraid that Jackson, Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, U.S. Congressman Walter Fauntroy, all of whom are due to arrive in Israel soon, will hear only the Palestinian side of the question.

"The consequences of Dayan's ruling are going to be devastating for Israel," one key official told *The Jerusalem Post*, "and it is inconceivable that he should be allowed to get away with it. The decision is irrational, unwarranted, and shortsighted."

Lowery is heading a delegation of 10 blacks now visiting Lebanon as guests of PLO leader Yasser Arafat. Commenting on Begin's refusal to meet the group, he said yesterday: "If the leadership of Israel does not choose to hear about our peace initiative, and if it does not choose to hear our proposals for a moratorium on violence, then that responsibility is theirs."

Weizman returns from U.S. Arms needs assured but dollars doubtful

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Military Correspondent

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman returned to Israel yesterday confident that the U.S. will meet Israel's arms needs, but doubtful whether the country's request for increased financial aid will be met.

Weizman told reporters upon his return that the U.S. had agreed to supply all the systems Israel had requested, but that he discerned reluctance when it came to money.

"The financial problem is going to be a very tricky and complicated one," he said.

Weizman reiterated that he did not undertake to consult with the Americans before Israeli action in Lebanon, but that he agreed to "compare notes."

"Since 1973, the U.S. has supplied Israel with almost \$8b. worth of arms, and anybody who thinks that we can get this type of aid and not be expected to consult on defence matters is living in a fool's paradise," he said.

With regard to the future of Israel's Air Force — one of the main reasons for Weizman's trip to the U.S. — only initial contacts were made, with both sides presenting their positions. Israel will be sending technical delegations to the U.S. within the next two months to formulate details for the possible production under licence of the F-18 fighter at Israel Aircraft Industries.

Weizman also reported that tentative agreement had been reached on the question of Sinai truce supervision, which caused a mini-crisis in relations with the U.S. several weeks ago.

Details remain to be finalized, but it was agreed that U.S. observers already stationed in Sinai since 1975 will patrol areas A and B, near the Suez Canal and in central Sinai. When the Israeli withdrawal is completed in 1982, the rest of the peninsula will be supervised by joint Israeli-Egyptian and multi-national forces.

Begin's New Year message: No reshuffle, no early poll

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

Looking fit and exuding optimism, Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday ruled out a cabinet reshuffle for the present and told television and radio interviewers that he has no intention whatever of calling early elections.

In a Rosh Hashana press conference, the prime minister admitted that not everything in his administration has gone as he had

things have happened before in democratic countries," Begin argued.

"The Liberals have never so much as suggested a cabinet reshuffle. Such a step is not being considered today," he said, emphasizing the last word. All the government needs, Begin added, is a return to the cooperation and mutual respect of its first days.

He refused to be drawn into commenting on derogatory remarks about his government by coalition members, pointing to the lack of harmony which has existed in Labour governments, as described in the Sharet and Rabin memoirs.

He does not intend to take harsh steps to ensure cabinet discipline, he said. "I have always believed in moral persuasion and a friendly approach, and will not act otherwise."

Firing ministers, he said, was out of the question. He again praised beleaguered Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, and said that replacing him would not be a panacea for the country's economic ills.

Asked about the Pinto case, Begin declared that he had "absolute confidence in the chief of staff. He is one of our greatest warriors, perhaps since the days of the Maccabees."

Begin said there is a merciless campaign of incitement against Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, but the anonymous leaflets maligning him cannot in any way prove of wrongdoing on his part.

"Israel can be proud of him. He was acting within his full authority when reducing Pinto's sentence. Are we to be the only country in which a chief of staff cannot do so?" he asked.



Prime Minister Menachem Begin makes a point during his televised press conference last night. (Steve Nelson)

As to the chief of staff's version of the Litani murders, as it appeared in press interviews, Begin said that Eitan "convicted himself. Any man can make a mistake. So why pick just on him?"

He denied that his proposal that the government express support for the chief of staff and declare that a vicious campaign is afoot against him did not win adequate cabinet support. "Some members suggested that we wait for the defence minister's return, and I agreed."

Begin also said that in future he and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan would "together weigh whether Dayan should conduct more talks with Palestinians." As to Dayan's controversial encounters in Gaza and Hebron, Begin said Dayan did not know that any of the people he talked to were PLO members. He had not

hoped, but he expressed confidence that all problems would be resolved by the time his term of office is up in two years.

Mocking reports that he is partially incapacitated and cannot put in a full day's work, Begin also relished ridiculing recent public opinion polls.

"Are we expected to call early elections because so many people out of a random sample of 1,200 answer a question a certain way? Only the Knesset can legislate early elections. If and when a majority form such a move and the Knesset so votes, we will go to the voters," he declared.

Speaking from his office, Begin expressed confidence in his government's ability to serve its full term, "but it would be no tragedy if a Knesset majority wants early elections. That's democracy, and such

State Department spokesman: Land decision 'prejudices' outcome of autonomy talks

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The State Department yesterday dismissed Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's defence of the Israeli cabinet's recent decision enabling private Israeli citizens to purchase land on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

Spokesman Hodding Carter III said the U.S. opposes "unilateral actions" which "prejudice" the outcome of the autonomy negotiations and "make the conduct of those negotiations more difficult."

He declined to comment on Dayan's assertion that the U.S., at the Camp David talks, actually endorsed individual land sales instead of the state-sponsored transactions made during the past 12 years.

Israel's decision was also sharply criticized yesterday by a lead editorial in "The New York Times," which commented: "The Israelis keep nibbling at the political status quo in the West Bank territory and then ask the world to believe that their modest manoeuvres and settlements have no great bearing on the issues on which peace there will finally depend."

After explaining why the administration opposed the Israeli decision, spokesman Carter expressed hope that the Autonomy negotiations will "lay out an agreed legal framework" to establish how "life in the territories, including land ownership," should be run.

He strongly condemned the latest terrorist bombing in Jerusalem. But, as usual, he condemned only those elements which claimed responsibility for the outrage, refusing to cite the PLO by name.

State Department officials yesterday began their advance consultations with key congressional leaders on the tentative agreement reached this week with Israel and Egypt on the monitoring of the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

The State Department insisted that the U.S. Sinai field mission, originally expected to be disbanded in January but retained for another three years as part of the latest decision, would number less than 200 U.S. civilians.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said that the Congress would have to approve the latest arrangements, as would the Israeli and Egyptian governments.

The exact nature of the proposed UN Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) role in the new arrangements remained unclear yesterday.

Prayers greet Jewish New Year tonight

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hundreds of thousands of Israelis and Jewish tourists will crowd into synagogues tonight, tomorrow and Sunday as the country welcomes the Hebrew year 5740.

The worshippers will fill some 7,600 Orthodox synagogues and another 1,000 temporary prayer halls, as well as some 70 Conservative and Reform synagogues.

Synagogues throughout the country have been asked to extend a special welcome to new immigrants, soldiers and policemen.

Guards have been appointed by synagogue officials to keep watch for suspicious objects. In addition to making special security checks, police will also have extra patrols on the roads.

With sunny weather and normal temperatures forecast, the beaches are expected to be packed over the two-day weekend. Thousands of

others are expected to take a look at parts of Sinai and especially Santa Katerina for the last time under Israeli rule.

Hotels in resort areas throughout

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out for Rosh Hashana are special messages of hope to prisoners of Zion and other Jews in the Soviet Union, carried in New Year cards sent by hundreds of Israelis.

For the Jews of Egypt, the New Year will bring a rabbi and cantor from Israel. Rabbi Ma'atok Dabi had served as chief rabbi of Alexandria up to 1958.

A special greeting card for Rosh Hashana will also go to all tourists in hotels throughout the country. Many hotels have planned special holiday events.

In his Rosh Hashana message, President Yitzhak Navon stressed that the bomb in Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda on Wednesday night would not deter Israel from her goals.

The president also stressed the importance of aiding underprivileged youth and spoke of the army as the last chance for many of them to gain an education.

Gold tops \$385, dollar plummets

LONDON (UPI) — The price of gold went above \$385 an ounce to record highs in London and passed the \$380 mark in Zurich yesterday and the dollar dropped to its lowest levels this year on some European money markets.

In Zurich gold closed at a record \$381.50 an ounce, and in London it hit a record \$380 at the afternoon fixing. The rise continued in late trading and gold closed at another record high — \$385.50 an ounce.

'No SALT unless Soviets leave Cuba'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. Senate leaders met with President Jimmy Carter yesterday and told reporters the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty will not be ratified unless nearly 9,000 Soviet combat troops are pulled out of Cuba.

"I don't think the SALT treaty has a prayer in Hades unless the Russians do something to de-escalate their presence in Cuba," Senate Republican leader Howard Baker said after the White House meeting.

"The Senate will insist that combat troops not be in Cuba. The com-

bat forces do not belong in Cuba," said Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Frank Church.

Baker said he wanted to speak further, but at Carter's request has agreed "to give him a little more time" while U.S.-Soviet negotiations continue over a Russian combat brigade 145 km from Florida.

Carter briefed Baker, Church, Republican Jacob Javits and other key senators on the situation as Secretary of State Cyrus Vance arranged another meeting later in the day with Soviet ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.

Population increases by 2.5 per cent

Post Economic Reporter

The population of Israel stands at 3,802,000 on the eve of Rosh Hashana 5740, a 2.5 per cent increase from a year ago according to figures soon to be released by the Central Statistical Bureau. There was a 2.2 per cent rise in population in the previous year.

In the previous year, the Jewish population had increased by 2.3 per cent to 3,149,000.

The non-Jewish population grew at a 3.6 per cent rate to 613,000 a slight increase from the 3.5 per cent rate of 5738.

There was a slight resurgence in aliyah last year when 35,000 people came to Israel in comparison to 24,000 the previous year. There are as yet no details on the extent of *yerida*.

There were 15,300 road accidents in 1978 in which about 22,000 people were injured. About 610 people were killed on the roads, a 3 per cent reduction from the previous year. There were 8 per cent fewer traffic accidents.

About 80 per cent of the accidents occurred in cities. Sixty per cent of the vehicles involved in accidents were private cars; another 10 per cent were public vehicles. Among the injured, about 5,700 were pedestrians.

Meridor to build 'flat factories'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Construction and Housing Ministry has agreed in principle with the MAZA Town Planning and Construction Company, which is headed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin's close friend Ya'acov Meridor, on plans for building thousands of flats according to French industrial methods.

Meridor told Kol Yisrael Radio last night that accusations that he

could obtain the contract through Herut Party connections were "nonsense."

"I don't need connections to build flats in Israel," Meridor said.

Meridor wants to establish four plants for industrial-method flat construction in Yeroham, Ma'ale Adumim, Latrun and Galilee. Each factory would be able to produce some 1,200 flats per year.

'Woman leaked Avnery letter to 'LA Times'

By JUDY SEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An American Jewish woman who moved to California after living in Israel reportedly supplied "The Los Angeles Times" with a translation of MK Uri Avnery's Knesset letter about the Pinto case, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

In a meeting yesterday between Ze'ev Hefetz, director of the Government Press Office, and Dial Torgerson, the LA paper's correspondent in Jerusalem, the newsman said that he had received a copy of an English translation of the letter while

vacating in London. It had been sent to him by his newspaper in Los Angeles, he said, which had received it from an unnamed American Jewish woman.

His newspaper held up the story for four days while he wrote in London about the charges against Segen Daniel Pinto. The "Times" finally printed it on page seven, apparently not thinking it was a major item, he said.

"I was surprised by the uproar it caused in Israel," Torgerson told *The Post*. "It was low key in the U.S."

Torgerson asserted that when he

first heard of the Avnery letter — which was written on July 23 and circulated among the other 119 MKs — he asked the censor if he could send the information it contained abroad. Told that such action would be illegal because Pinto's trial had been held in camera, Torgerson decided to do nothing.

But when he received the material in London, he decided to report on it "for the record."

Torgerson estimates that hundreds or thousands of copies of the letter are circulating in the U.S.

Pinto was convicted by a military court for the murder of Lebanese civilians during the Israeli operation in Lebanon in March, 1978. His 12-year sentence was subsequently reduced to eight on appeal, and again to two years by Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan.

Hefetz indicated that he did not intend to ask for an investigation of how the Avnery letter was circulated abroad.

Guard on Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Jimmy Carter rushed Secret Service agents to the side of Senator Edward Kennedy yesterday after receiving a report on his potential rival's safety.

White House press secretary Jody Powell said Carter acted on the basis of an "analysis" of Kennedy's safety by the Secret Service and conversations with the senator's staff members.

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JERUSALEM POST POLL

Labour slips, but still ahead

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV — The September poll of *The Jerusalem Post* indicates that more than one-third of the electorate remains uncommitted to any party.

Labour continues to hold the lead in the public's favour, although the poll shows that Labour has lost some ground and the Likud has recovered

slightly.

What also emerges is that the Likud is slightly favoured to head any government over Labour, due apparently to the preferences of religious voters.

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Defence and wage increases to top third revision of 1979 state budget

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter The Treasury plans to unveil a corrected 1979 state budget proposal...

IL123b, to defence, 104 per cent more than in 1978. Purchases from abroad total IL62b...

cent to IL70b, with local authorities getting IL11b, and basic commodity subsidies IL12b...

The new budget will total IL386.7b, up IL66.5b from the previously approved plan...

Based on the Central Statistics Bureau estimate of IL4,500 as the country's average monthly salary...

The revised budget incorporates real cuts in some areas by allocating per unit price rises lower than the projected 80 per cent rate of inflation...

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich first prepared his 1978 budget based on inflation of 38 per cent...

The major loss in the revised budget will be local industry, from which only 66 per cent more than last year will be purchased (IL9b)

Transfer payments are up 83 per cent to IL70b...

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Table with columns: City, Min, Max, Weather. Includes Amsterdam, Brussels, Chicago, Frankfurt, Geneva, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Montreal, New York, Oslo, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Stockholm, Tokyo, Vancouver, Vienna, Zurich.

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THE WEATHER

Table with columns: Yesterday's Humidity, Yesterday's Min-Max, Today's Min-Max. Includes Jerusalem, Golan, Nahariya, Safed, Haifa Port, Tibrias, Nazareth, Afula, Samaria, Tel Aviv, B G Airport, Jericho, Gaza, BeerSheva, Eilat, Turan Straits.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Jerusalem lawyer Aharon Asa has been appointed honorary consul of Honduras in Jerusalem.

An Oneg Shabbat will be held at 9 tonight at Tnuv Shivat Zion, 80 Ben Yehuda Street, Tel Aviv.

During renovations, Fink's Restaurant-Bar will be closed until October 12, 1979.

ARRIVALS

Mordehai Shalev, former Israel Ambassador to Canada, from a four-year tour of duty in Ottawa.

DEPARTURES

Hyman Krollman, chairman of the Be-Curion Foundation of Great Britain, to London.

Marriage

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In Memoriam

Pinhas Offner, 83, rebuilder of the Stuttgart Jewish community, was buried yesterday at the Sanhedria cemetery, Jerusalem.

MOSEAVOT - The Farmers Federation yesterday announced plans to found three new moeshavim in Galilee.

BAD TRIP - Shmuel Kahiri, 28, of Yad Eliyahu, was charged with twice distracting Court yesterday with twice setting heroin to a policeman posing as a drug addict.

Safe in customs office set afire

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV - A special police and customs investigating team yesterday afternoon detained a local businessman on suspicion of complicity in setting fire to a safe in the offices of the customs investigation unit here...

The safe contained top secret information on investigations into customs offences. The source declined to give details but said the suspect had been detained after he came to find out about the file opened against him on suspicion of evading taxes.

Landau also said that secret information which customs investigators had gathered over a long period was lost, but many documents were saved and could be used in court.

Ill youth rushed to U.S. hospital

By YITZHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter REHOVOT - A 10-year-old boy was rushed to the U.S. on Wednesday in an effort to stop a growth in his spinal column which has partially paralyzed him.

Judge rejects charges against 'Haolam Hazeh' TEL AVIV (Itim) - Legal charges against 'Haolam Hazeh' for 'incitement to rebellion' were dismissed yesterday here by Chief Magistrate Haim Shapira...

TRAMPLED - Two women were killed and 50 persons injured in a stampede at a rally attended by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in the Moslem holy city of Qom Thursday.

BAIL - Tel Aviv moneylender and garage owner Meir Muelem, suspected of large-scale tax evasion, has been released on bail of IL2m.



Helena Chorazyczwski, 75, and her husband Ignacy, 84, will receive the Medal of the Righteous from Yad Vashem for sheltering four young Jewish boys at their Antkiewicz, Poland, house during World War II.

Israel to demand customs cuts from Common Market

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Israel will insist next week that the European Economic Community grant substantial customs reductions to its agricultural exports...

Israel's apprehension is that when Greece obtains full membership, not only will Greek products be admitted duty-free but that she will receive a "penetration premium" to boot...

POLL

Table showing poll results for Likud, Labour, and others. Includes questions like 'Which party would you vote for if elections were held today?' and 'Are you for the present government led by the Likud or for one headed by Labor?'.

The above is based on the political preferences of 61.4 per cent of the respondents. Centre directors Mina Zernach and Amiram Yarkoni point out that the 38.6 per cent of undecided voters is part of a trend of growing indecision...

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Peres back, renews call for early vote

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV - Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres jumped straight into the political fray yesterday after his return from a visit to the U.S. by reiterating his call for new elections.

Speaking on Israel Radio's afternoon magazine, Peres called on the country's leaders to "turn to the people for a new mandate and a new team, to rescue the economy and set a path for the state's future."

Peres was apparently referring to the Beit Berl gathering, the ostensible purpose of which was to discuss the Israeli economy and society.

Asked about the anti-former premier Yitzhak Rabin letters to editors inspired by the Idan public relations firm, which is employed by the Labour Party, Peres replied that he does not occupy himself with gossip and that he does not know enough about the case to comment.

Reporting on his talk with the Americans, Peres said he found readiness to put autonomy into effect in Gaza first, and added that several Arab countries which had opposed Egyptian peace policies were now changing their tune.

Labour's young guard, which has adopted a strong stand against all internal gatherings, will hold its convention during Succot. Some 5,000 dues-paying members have signed up in a membership drive, and the final figure is expected to be around 10,000.

There will be about 500 convention delegates. A major aim is to adopt a resolution requiring Labour MKs to step down after two terms of office.

Officers win order nisi against Eitan

Two former senior Air Force officers yesterday won an order nisi calling on Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan to show cause why he should not resign a reprimand they received, stemming from the collision five years ago of two helicopters, in which eight soldiers died.

The accident occurred on April 11, 1974, when 14 Army helicopters landed simultaneously at Mahanayim airfield, and two of the pilots failed to see each other.

The petitioners recount the protracted efforts of the families of the deceased to get them punished, even though they assert neither Aluf Yitzhak Peled, then O.C. Air Force, or later Aluf Yekutiel Adam, deputy chief of staff, found any grounds for taking action against them.

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Referring to "Time" magazine's report about his ill-health, the prime minister said that he had read many works of fiction in his life, but that he had never read such total fabrications as had appeared in the American news magazine.

Wednesday's terrorist bomb in Jerusalem, according to the prime minister, "ought to prompt those who of late have been condemning us to think anew. We are not engaged in a vendetta. Our aim is to prevent such slaughter of innocents. We will protect our people because we are no longer a helpless nation in the diaspora."

Pharaoh's name found on scarab in Emek

KFAR YEHOASHUA (Itim) - A scarab bearing the name of the Egyptian pharaoh who ruled at the time of the Exodus has been unearthed at an archaeological excavation site at Tel Sharmam near here.

The scarab is inscribed in hieroglyphic script with one of the names of Ramses II, and next to the name is a representation of the Egyptian moon god Khonsu.

Ramat road to be peaceful during holiday season

By ABRAHAM BABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter A peaceful holiday on Jerusalem's Ramat road was apparently assured yesterday when the rabbinical court of the Eida Haredit accepted a proposal by Interior Minister Yosef Burg to shield the road from the view of adjoining Orthodox neighbourhoods.

Until a barrier is built to mask the road, traffic will be diverted - starting in about 10 days - through the industrial area bordering the road.

The leaders of the Eida Haredit, a respected institution that provides religious services for Jerusalem's large ultra-Orthodox community, called on extremist elements in the Natorei Karta to refrain from holding demonstrations, at least until after the holiday season.

Interior Ministry planners were asked yesterday to propose designs for the barrier. Several have already been suggested, including a five-metre-high stone wall and a fan-like device made of light materials.

The increasing militancy of secular residents and the likelihood of violent encounters and attacks on existing Orthodox neighbourhoods may have figured in the softening of attitude in the ultra-religious camp.

Another factor may have been the appeal of Jerusalem Police Commander Zvi Ben-Eliyahu who met with the religious leaders this week and begged for a bridge of quiet on the road for the sake of his overworked men - who have been patrolling the road in force on Sabbaths for the past year.

The decision to accept the Burg proposal was made by the Eida Haredit court in consultation with the rabbis of Kiryat Zenuz and other neighbourhoods overlooking the road.

Four Jerusalem bomb victims still in critical condition

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter Four of the wounded from Wednesday evening's bicycle bomb blast in downtown Jerusalem were still in hospital critical lists last night.

David Klein is being treated in Hadassah University Hospital, Mount Scopus, and Nurit Freeman, Gila Morali and Dora Herzhkovitz are in the Elin Karem facility.

Several others, including Dutch tourist Dina Unger, were described yesterday as in "serious condition."

Altogether, 20 of the 51 people injured by the Rehov Ben-Yehuda bombing are still being treated in the two Hadassah Hospitals and in Bikur Holim Hospital on Rehov Straus.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday condemned the behaviour of the crowd following the explosion. Police complained that the crowd had hampered rescue activity and checks for further bombs.

Police units under Inspector Avraham Fahima, in charge of the investigation, conducted wide-ranging searches yesterday. Further intensive police activity is expected today.

Police source complained yesterday that not one of the Ben-Yehuda shopowners, summoned to appear at Jerusalem police headquarters to be questioned about the blast had showed up. "They were evidently too busy with the heavy holiday trade," a police source commented bitterly.

Police yesterday released all of the 17 persons detained for questioning immediately following the blast.

Tourists stuck in Jordan for the holiday

By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter Some 300 to 400 tourists from abroad will be forced to spend Rosh Hashana in Jordan this year because of a decision to limit the number of visitors allowed to cross Allenby Bridge today.

The limitation was imposed to give security guards at the bridge time to get home before the holiday begins.

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The petitioners claim that Eitan told them that the minister of defence had instructed him to reprimand them and that he was therefore debarred from hearing or considering their arguments. (Itim)

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clearing the meetings with Begin in advance, to assure that they "would be very private in nature. I understand this and have no complaints against the foreign minister."

Referring to "Time" magazine's report about his ill-health, the prime minister said that he had read many works of fiction in his life, but that he had never read such total fabrications as had appeared in the American news magazine.

"I do not know who Prof. Fein is, and I don't know who the other two who supposedly examined me are. I was sick, as any man may be, and I did not keep any details from the public."

"But now, thank God, I have fully recovered. The doctors worried that I might have visual impairment for a few months, but even this did not occur. The doctors themselves are astonished. I am putting in many times more than the three hours a day mentioned by 'Time' magazine."

Begin said that should he be incapacitated he would not hesitate to resign immediately.

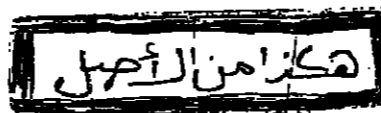
Wednesday's terrorist bomb in Jerusalem, according to the prime minister, "ought to prompt those who of late have been condemning us to think anew. We are not engaged in a vendetta. Our aim is to prevent such slaughter of innocents. We will protect our people because we are no longer a helpless nation in the diaspora."

Pharaoh's name found on scarab in Emek

KFAR YEHOASHUA (Itim) - A scarab bearing the name of the Egyptian pharaoh who ruled at the time of the Exodus has been unearthed at an archaeological excavation site at Tel Sharmam near here.

The scarab is inscribed in hieroglyphic script with one of the names of Ramses II, and next to the name is a representation of the Egyptian moon god Khonsu.

Vertical advertisements on the right edge of the page, including 'HOME', 'Libe', 'soldier', 'Skyjumper', 'Have a Football', 'Apartments Under', 'The Hebrew University of Jerusalem', 'The Government of Israel', 'Rev. JACOB SZLAPAK', 'Dr. HYMAN ZAHZT', and 'Fires sweep California'.



Move to topple Ehrlich as Liberal Party leader

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Moves are afoot in some Liberal Party circles to remove Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich from the post of party leader and to demand his resignation from the Treasury, at the Liberal Central Committee session scheduled for Tuesday.

Rebel elements in the party, especially those linked to former deputy finance minister Yeheskel Flomin and to Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, have been putting out feelers about the move recently. They say they are encouraged by the response.

The anti-Ehrlich factions are optimistic about their chances of toppling the leader because the mutual protection pact between the four Liberal ministers, Ehrlich, Moda'i, Palt (Industry), and Moshe Nisim (without portfolio), has dissolved. The unwritten agreement came into being in the face of vociferous demands that they resign en bloc after the subsidies reduction fiasco last June.

Liberal insiders say it is not entirely inconceivable that backers of Industry, Trade and Tourism Minister Gideon Palt may join the campaign to sack the boss, despite Palt's one-time allegiance to Ehrlich.

The big tactical stumbling block facing the rebels is the uncomfortable fact that Ehrlich himself will be absent from Tuesday's meeting. Ehrlich left yesterday morning for a two-week visit to Europe, during which he will participate in the International Monetary Fund conference in Belgrade.

Ehrlich's supporters are likely, in view of his absence, to pull the moral trump card that trying to remove him on Tuesday will amount to backstabbing. So some of the anti-Ehrlich forces favour delaying their move until he gets back.

The cause for the increased militancy in the party, especially among circles close to Moda'i, is the plan reportedly hatched by Ehrlich that the Liberal ministers resign en bloc in a few weeks, should it become evident that no progress has been made in implementing Liberal economic principles. The Central Committee gave the four ministers a 90-day deadline in June to produce evidence of such progress.

Moda'i is especially adamant in his refusal to vacate his cabinet seat along with Ehrlich, and now it is reported that the Palt group is likewise opposed to collective resignation. It is thought that if Ehrlich suggests such a move to the central committee, it will lead to a counter-motion calling for his resignation alone.

Another source of friction is the reported move by Ehrlich to have the party convention scheduled for December postponed. Again, Moda'i is the chief opponent. Ehrlich's rivals say he wants the postponement because he fears the convention will go against him.

Ehrlich has created ripples by his proposal that a blocking percentage of 3 per cent of the vote be instituted in Knesset elections. This would mean that a party which obtains less than three per cent of the votes cast would have no representation in the Knesset. Ehrlich thinks it would be "no catastrophe" if such a scheme were instituted, and points to the West German precedent, where five per cent of the poll is required for representation.

Not surprisingly, Labour favours the proposal and smaller parties are vehemently opposed.

Ehrlich says the 3 per cent minimum is necessary because it now appears basic changes to the electoral system will not be possible before the next elections to the Knesset.



Shoppers in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market yesterday snip up pomegranates, a fruit traditionally eaten after the kiddush prayer on Rosh Hashana Eve. (Steve Nelson)

Bension's daughters must repay some of father's debts

TEL AVIV (Him). — The bankruptcy trustee in the case of Yehoshua Bension, who was jailed in 1975 for fraud offences involving \$47m. connected with the collapse of the Israel-British Bank, has obtained a court verdict obliging Bension's daughters to pay back part of their father's debts.

Bension was sentenced to 12 years in jail for fraud and fined IL25m. He was pardoned by former president Ephraim Katsir shortly after the Likud came to power in 1977, but not excused from paying the fine. He has not, however, done so.

Judge Hannah Even-Or ruled in the District Court yesterday that Bension's daughters, Alora Eidad and Sharon Ben-Ami, must return the sum of IL80,000, linked to the rise in the Cost-of-Living Index since 1978, and a sum equal to two-thirds of the value of a two-cottage semi-detached cottage in Jerusalem's French Hill quarter.

The judge ruled that the daughters were given the money by Bension near the time of his bankruptcy, and they have therefore to return it to the trustee, attorney L. D. Komisar.

Because Bension has not paid the fine, Komisar is involved in drawn-out legal proceedings trying to obtain court verdicts against Bension and his family to make them return some of the money "lost" in the bankruptcy.

7 Israeli scholars to examine Jewish manuscripts in Egypt

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egypt has granted seven Israeli scholars permission to visit Cairo and Alexandria from October 21 to 30 to survey and microfilm Jewish manuscripts and books.

The trip, which is the result of a promise made by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to President Yitzhak Navon when they met in Haifa on September 4, will be partially funded by Beit Hanassi.

Among the sites to be visited and studied will be the Ben Ezra Synagogue in Qasr as-Sama in Cairo (where the Geniza was found); the Karaites Synagogue in Abbasiya in Cairo (where very old manuscripts of the Bible, including the earliest dated codex written in Tiberias in 995 C.E., are kept); the Basatin Jewish cemetery (where part of the Geniza was buried in 1890); and synagogues in Alexandria.

The scholars will be allowed to copy the documents on microfilm — to be photographed either by Egyptians associated with universities or by the photographer of the Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem.

The seven scholars are: Dr. Malachi Ben-Arie, director of the library and an expert in Hebrew manuscripts; Dr. Mordechai Nadav, head of the library's manuscripts department; Joseph Cohen, head of the library's department of Hebrew printed books; Prof. Ezra Fleischer, head of the Hebrew University's department of Hebrew literature; Prof. Shaul Shaked, head of the university's department of comparative religion; Prof. Nehemia Alony of Ben-Gurion University; and Prof. Moshe Gil of Tel Aviv University.

Sadat's agreement to Navon's request that an exhibition on Jewish history and culture be displayed in Egypt will also be discussed by the scholars on their visit.

Coastal Road defendant grins as partner tells of murders

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

LOD. — While one defendant in the Coastal Road massacre trial at the military court here yesterday delivered his testimony in sober tones, his co-defendant could barely conceal his merriment.

Hussein Fiad sat in the dock and grinned, while Khaled Hussein told the court of his role in the massacre. Occasionally glancing at the Red Cross representative observing the trial, Hussein told his story. "I learned in a school in Kuwait for five years and stayed behind twice. At 15 I joined the Fatah in Syria. I came to Israel to free my brother saboteurs jailed here.

"We were ordered to kill all the hostages if Prime Minister Begin didn't meet our demands," Khaled said in reply to questions of his attorneys Lea Tsemel and Ibrahim Nassar.

In the tense courtroom it was possible to hear the heavy breathing of the victims' families. Three survivors of the massacre of March 11, 1978, who were also in the room, sighed when they heard Hussein's laconic replies.

Chief Military Prosecutor Sgan Aluf Amnon Strashnow did not lose his patience when Khaled yesterday claimed the exact opposite of what he had declared during two interrogations by the police.

"Why did you shoot at cars driving in the opposite direction," he asked the witness.

"We shot at the cars because we wanted to warn them they should be careful not to get hit," said the witness, trying to conceal his smile.

The accused gave his version about what had happened on the time the terrorists landed on the beach of Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael.

"On the coast we found the American photographer Gail Rubin. Sister Dallal killed her. I don't know why. Then we seized control of two buses. We took the people prisoner and I and one of my brother saboteurs tied them inside the bus. No. I didn't shoot them. I treated them very kindly."

At the end of the trial, an elderly woman approached the two defendants. Sobbing, she asked in Arabic why they had killed her son and left his three children orphans. Fiad burst out laughing.

Thirty-four died and 72 were wounded in the massacre. Fiad and Hussein are the only survivors of the 14 terrorists in the attack.

Police defuse Jaffa bomb just in time

TEL AVIV (Him). — A bomb placed under a car in Jaffa was defused yesterday morning by police sappers one minute before it was set to explode.

A suspicious parcel had been noticed by Marco Alkalai as he approached his car, which had been parked overnight on Sderot Yerushalayim. He immediately called police who found that it was a bomb.



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IDF soldiers told to set 'examples'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The chief rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, Aluf Gad Navon, in his traditional New Year's message, called on soldiers to cut themselves from foreign cultures so that they can be an example to all nations.

By doing this, the Chief Rabbi said, Israel can strengthen its independence. "It is the mission of the Israeli nation to be the splendour of all the world. For that we must be righteous, and our integrity clean and of a high morality, like our prophets demanded from us."

Navon also promised that soldiers remaining in camp will be able to observe the High Holidays. Special courses have been held to train soldiers to be cantors, tora readers and shofar blowers, he said. Many civilians will also conduct services in military bases, mostly as volunteers, he added.

Military cooks have also been instructed on how to cook traditional holiday foods, and the chief rabbinate has sent traditional foods like honey, apples and pomegranates to these kitchens.

Navon is especially proud of bringing out a new choir (holiday prayer book), in which he has unified all the prayer variations of the different communities. He said it took him two years to compile this service, and he hopes that it might become the unified prayer version of all Israelis.

Disruptions threatened at Histadrut office

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Employees at Histadrut headquarters yesterday threatened disruptions unless management increases their wages.

"We will not be able to work quietly in this institution for long," the chairman of the employees works committee, Zvi Artzi, declared. He was addressing several hundred clerks at a reception on the eve of Rosh Hashana.

Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel sat beside Artzi but did not comment.

TV new year gift: Two colour shows

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel TV, as a gift to the viewing public (at least part of it) for Rosh Hashana, will broadcast two shows in colour.

An entertainment programme featuring the Inbal Dance Troupe, on Saturday at 10.05 p.m., will be in colour. The show marks the 70th anniversary of Tel Aviv.

TV House will also not erase the colour of "The End of All Ways," a documentary about illegal immigration into Palestine, which will be screened on Sunday at 10.35 p.m.

Police break fertilizer plant blockade

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police last night broke into the Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. plant, lifting a "blockade" by afternoon shift workers which had lasted several hours.

The police spokesman said that the decision to force open the gates was taken by Haifa police chief Tattizav Avraham Turgeman at the request of the management. Attempts to persuade the workers to open the gates voluntarily had failed, police said.

Five members of the works committee were arrested for questioning.

Man held for trying to take heroin to U.S.

TEL AVIV (Him). — Ya'acov Golan, 24, of Holon, was remanded in police custody for 10 days yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for trying to smuggle 32 grams of heroin to the U.S.

Police found the bags of heroin sewn into the folds of his pants as he was about to board a plane at Ben-Gurion airport. A few days earlier, Golan had appeared in court for falsifying visas to the U.S.

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Britain, Zimbabwe near accord on constitution

LONDON. — A spokesman for Zimbabwe Rhodesia Premier Bishop Abel Muzorewa said yesterday the Salisbury delegation and the British government are "very close to total agreement" on an independence constitution for the new state.

But conference sources said agreement between the Salisbury delegation and the Patriotic Front guerrillas is nowhere in sight.

Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington held another two-hour private meeting with the Salisbury delegation yesterday morning.

At the end of it, Muzorewa's Foreign Minister David Mukome said: "We made even further progress than yesterday. I am happy to say we are very close to total agreement."

He said this would include agreement whether or not there should be a continued "blocking mechanism" or veto rights for the 220,000 white minority. But he declined to say whether this meant his delegation

has abandoned this demand.

"All I can say," Mukome said, "is that we moved nearer to the British and they moved nearer to us."

Britain has been demanding that a limited number of seats — probably 20 per cent — in the parliament of a future independent Zimbabwe should be reserved for the whites. This has been a major sticking point in Carrington's talks both with the Muzorewa delegation and with the Patriotic Front.

Meanwhile, a mortar attack by guerrillas destroyed a factory that produced half of Zimbabwe Rhodesia's frozen foods, the manager said yesterday.

"I'm standing in the ruins now," Colin Taylor said in a telephone interview from Juliafield, some 160 km. southeast of Salisbury.

The factory, independently owned and financed by the Lever Brothers group of Zimbabwe Rhodesia, was shelled on Tuesday night. (UPI, AP).



A rioter does a wild dance step in front of two burning police cars during a riot in Sydney last night. Police fought a mob of hundreds of people protesting against the closing of a hotel slated for demolition. (UPI telephoto)

House, Senate split on defence budget

WASHINGTON (AP). — The House of Representatives on Wednesday rejected two proposed increases in the 1980 defence budget, breaking with the Senate which had approved sharply increased military spending for the year.

Earlier, on a 62-36 vote, the Senate approved a \$346.3b. budget for fiscal 1980 with a \$31.5b. deficit. The Senate's proposed budget represents a 10.1 per cent increase over 1979 and reverses the recent trend toward smaller government deficits.

The Senate's action marks a clear shift in priorities from domestic programmes to increased military spending. It approved the defence spending hikes after agreeing to

force \$3.6b. in savings, mostly from social programmes.

The Senate's budget proposal went to the House, where action was already under way on its version.

The House, on a 221-191 vote Wednesday, defeated an amendment to boost defence outlays by \$413m. in fiscal 1980, which starts on October 1. And in a 43-20 unrecorded vote, the House turned down an amendment calling for a 5 per cent increase in 1980 defence spending after inflation is discounted.

Differences between the house and Senate budgets will be reconciled in a conference committee before binding spending limits are set.

Iranian orders revolt in Bahrain

TEHRAN (UPI). — A close collaborator of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said yesterday he had ordered the people of Bahrain to revolt against the ruler of that Persian Gulf island state.

Ayatollah Sadeg Rouhani, in remarks made in Qom on Monday but published yesterday, accused the ruler of Bahrain of repression and abuse of power.

He said he had advised Amir Issa Bin Salman al Khalifa to implement Islamic reforms. But his plea was ignored, he said.

As a result, the people have revolted and launched resistance. We hope that either the Islamic law will prevail or the head of state will be accession (to Bahrain) to the Islamic republic.

Iran relinquished its claim on Bahrain following a UN inquiry in May, 1970. Bahrain's ruler declared the state independent on August 15, 1971, ending the British protectorate status.

Rouhani maintains Bahrain remains part of Iran because the shah's regime which ratified the end of Iranian claim was illegal.

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Afghan ruler replaces four governors

NEW DELHI (AP). — New Afghan President Hafizullah Amin replaced four governors of four provinces embroiled in the year-long civil war and renewed an amnesty offer to Afghan dissidents in exile, which was immediately rejected by a rebel leader, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

Amin has replaced the governors of war-torn Sarangani, Badakhshan, Nanghar, and Fakhia provinces, a Radio Kabul reported.

Meanwhile, in a broadcast monitored in Pakistan, the radio said Amin offered amnesty to the 100,000 Afghan exiles in Pakistan if they agree not to act as "foreign agents" on their return home.

In rejecting the offer, Maulvi Mohammed Yunis Khalifa, leader of a rebel group based in Peshawar, Pakistan, called the marxist president's conciliatory gesture a trick.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter disclosed that increased Soviet military activity was noticed near the Soviet-Afghan border. The U.S. he said, "is opposed to any intervention in Afghanistan's internal affairs."

There was still no clear report on the fate of Amin's predecessor, Nur Mohammed Taraki, who has not been seen publicly in Kabul since a shootout at his palace last Friday, diplomatic sources said.

Radio Kabul has made no attempt to counter reports now rife in the Afghan capital that Taraki died from gunshot wounds sustained in the firing. However, ruling party members have told foreign diplomats privately that the 62-year-old post-revolutionary was still alive, diplomatic sources said.

Sweden's Liberal premier to form new coalition gov't

By STAFFAN HULTMAN Special to The Jerusalem Post STOCKHOLM. — Sweden's outgoing Liberal premier, Ola Ullsten, formally tendered his resignation yesterday and will now lead a caretaker government while he tries to put together a new centrist coalition government, after the centre-right parties edged the socialist bloc by one seat in last Sunday's general elections.

Ullsten heads the smallest of three non-socialist parties, and will not necessarily be Sweden's new prime minister.

Social Democrat Leader Olaf Palme's future may be in question after his third electoral failure to gain a clear-cut win. Palme was bitterly disappointed with the result of the cut-throat election in which his preliminary victory was reversed by counting of the postal votes.

The tactics of the socialist bloc led by Palme will now be to try to break up the non-socialist coalition, to prove to the electorate that the three bourgeois parties are incapable of formulating and executing a political programme to see Sweden through its increasing economic difficulties.

If a coalition government is formed and survives the difficult winter, it may go on governing or choose to prepare for new elections.

Sweden faces the prospect of two-digit inflation in the 1980s, a prospect which worries the well-off Swedes.

Also, there is a growing trade balance deficit to cope with, as well as a mounting oil bill, up \$2b. over last year.

The most important task for a new government will be to see Sweden through a hard winter, and prepare for the March referendum on nuclear power.

Deputy premier's defection is severe blow to Ecevit

ANKARA (AP). — One of the deputy premiers in the government of leftist Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit resigned yesterday, claiming that the nation's severe political and economic crisis could not be solved by the present government.

Thus the Republicans went down to 208 seats in the 450-seat Assembly. The government's overall support, with independents, was reduced to 220 against 223 of the opposition bloc led by Justice Party leader Suleyman Demirel. Of the seven empty seats in the Assembly, five will be contested in October by-elections.

With possible support from Sukan in the critical province of Konya, Demirel now stands likely to win four of the five seats in the polls. This would give him sufficient strength to bring down the government in a parliamentary vote of confidence after the elections, political analysts said.

The defection of Faruk Sukan, the single Assembly member from the tiny Democratic Party, delivered a heavy blow to Ecevit's tottering government.

The government lost another seat in the ruling Assembly yesterday with the death of a deputy from Ecevit's Republican Peoples Party, Durmus Ali Calik, in a traffic accident.

Five die in Italian earthquake

ROME (AP). — An earthquake registering about 5.8 on the Richter scale followed by a string of nearly 300 other weaker jolts shook central Italy from Florence in the north to Naples in the south on Wednesday night and yesterday morning, killing at least five people.

Authorities said that buildings were damaged in dozens of towns, including Rome.

The worst-hit area was around Norcia and Ascia, two medieval towns in the Umbrian region.

UN may air 'Israeli nuclear arms'

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The steering committee of the UN General Assembly recommended on Wednesday that 125 new items be included on the current session's agenda.

Two subjects originally proposed for inclusion, the rights of the child and the multilateral treaty-making process, were postponed until next year.

The new items include international cooperation on disarmament, a charge of Israeli nuclear armament and postwar aid to Nicaragua. They were proposed, respectively, by Czechoslovakia, Iraq, and the UN Latin American Group.

Arish Eilan of Israel opposed putting the Iraqi charge on the agenda, calling it part of Arab warfare against Israel and an "attempt to divert attention from real dangers threatening the peace and security of the world."

Czech ex-president Ludvik Svoboda dies at 83

PRAGUE. — Former Czechoslovak president Ludvik Svoboda died yesterday of a sudden cardiac arrest following a long illness. He was 83.

He was elected president March 30, 1968, only five months before the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion toppled the liberal government of then Communist Party secretary Alexander Dubcek. Svoboda went to Moscow after the 1968 invasion and won the release of Dubcek.

SA 'slush fund' trial starts today

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter). — Eschel Rhoadie, South Africa's former propaganda chief, goes on trial today accused of fraud in the "slush funds" scandal over misuse of government money.

Rhoadie, former head of the government's Information Department, fled to France but was extradited last month. He faces seven counts of fraud or theft in the Transvaal Supreme Court, in Pretoria.

The scandal over misuse of millions of rands earmarked for South Africa's worldwide propaganda campaigns has already brought down president John Vorster and former information minister Connie Mulder. But South Africans are waiting to see whether Rhoadie uses the trial as a platform to make good his threats to implicate present government members.

Cholera claims lives in India, Iran, Spain

NEW DELHI (AP). — At least 70 persons have died in a cholera epidemic in the Hindu holy city of Benares, about 600 km. southeast of here. "The Indian Express" reported yesterday.

The newspaper said that although city authorities claim that the epidemic is under control, reports from various parts of the city indicate that it is spreading.

In Iran, a total of 18 persons have died of cholera since the outbreak of an epidemic last month, the official Gulf News Agency reported from Teheran yesterday.

The agency said that the Iranian Health Ministry announced that the total number of cholera cases in Iran has risen to 676.

A cholera epidemic in Barcelona and Malaga meanwhile, has killed two persons of the more than 100 needing care, Spanish health sources said yesterday.

JDL loses appeal on 'call to arms'

LOS ANGELES (AP). — The California Court of Appeals has reversed a court order dismissing a charge that Jewish Defence League leader Irv Rubin solicited murder when he offered \$500 for the maiming or killing of Nazis.

Rubin, 33, had been charged with solicitation of murder on the basis of remarks he made during a Los Angeles news conference last year.

During the conference he reportedly waved five \$100 bills and offered them to anyone who "kills, maims or seriously injures a member of the American Nazi Party."

Superior Court Judge Carlos Velarde dismissed the charge last January, saying Rubin's statements were not improper under the constitutional guarantees of free speech. But the appellate court this week held there was sufficient evidence to believe the statements were a call to arms which removed it from the category of protected speech.

Philippines charged with cannibalism

MANILA (Reuter). — A man and his wife have been charged by the Philippine police with eating two brothers.

Police said the couple, whose names were not disclosed, belonged to a sect which believes that cannibalism confers supernatural powers.

Murder charges were lodged against the couple, alleged to have joined with other members of the sect to behead and eat the brothers, who were kidnapped nearly two years ago in General Santos City, 1,000 km south of Manila.

Rickshaw drivers clash with New Delhi police

NEW DELHI (AP). — Fifty-six striking motor scooter rickshaw drivers have been arrested after they clashed with police here on Wednesday.

A spokesman for the protestors claimed that their three-wheel vehicles are often impounded by police on complaints from the public that they are refusing to travel on certain routes or late at night.

The spokesman alleged that the vehicles are released on most occasions after payment of a bribe to police officials.

Episcopal Church backs Palestinian state

DENVER (AP). — The general convention of the Episcopal Church has adopted a resolution supporting the formation of "a free and independent Palestinian state."

The church's house of bishops and house of deputies, its two legislative bodies, approved the resolution on Wednesday. The resolution said the church would support a Palestinian state "which recognizes the State of Israel."

114-year-old man sues Japanese liquor firm

TOKYO (UPI). — The man reputed to be the world's oldest wants a liquor company to pay him \$23,000 for unauthorized use of his name and photograph to promote the firm's "longevity liquor," court testimony disclosed yesterday.

Shigehiyo Izumi, 114 years old and listed in "The Guinness Book of World Records" as the oldest known living person, also wants the court to order the company to publicly apologize and withdraw its product.

Court testimony said the company packaged its molasses-based liquor in cartons inscribed, "favourite drink of Japan's oldest citizen, Shigehiyo Izumi."

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We present hereunder a personal message from the Lubavitcher Rabbi.

By the Grace of G-d
Second Day of the Week of
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18th of Elul, 5759
Brooklyn, N.Y.

To the Sons and Daughters of Our People Israel, Everywhere — G-d bless you all,

Greeting and Blessing:
Reflecting on the coming year, and on the preparation which it calls for, one becomes aware that each year has a dual dimension: one is the general significance that each new year shares with all new years — as a new year; the other is the special significance, which is related to the specific features of the particular year, whereby it is distinguished from the others. It is on the special significance of the coming year — 5760 — that we shall dwell here.

The special significance of the coming year is that it is the "seventh year, the year of Shemittah," which the Torah, Torah Emea (so called, because it illuminates everything with the Divine Truth), designates as a "Shabbos unto G-d," a "Sabbatical year dedicated to the Almighty."

A second point which emphasizes even more pointedly the special character of the coming year is that the first day of the year, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, occurs on Shabbos. And, as it has often been pointed out, "Rosh Hashanah" is not only the "beginning" of the year, but also the "head" (Roah) of the year, meaning, that just as the head directs all activities of the body, so must the good resolutions of Rosh Hashanah dominate each and all the days of the entire year.

Hence it is doubly significant that the coming Sabbatical Year also has a Sabbatical "head."

At the same time, it should be noted that although the distinction of the coming year in respect of Shemittah is primarily connected with Eretz Yisroel, and with the holiness of our Holy Land, where all the laws of Shemittah are in force, above all the Shemittah ("release") of our land, fields, vineyards, etc., from any agricultural activity.

It has been explained on many occasions that a Jew, wherever he is, is expected in his everyday life, especially in his spiritual life, to transform his environment — his home as well as his surroundings — into a (spiritual) "Eretz Yisroel." In other words, since Eretz Yisroel is a "land on which G-d's eyes rest continuously, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year" — a similar atmosphere of G-dliness must permeate every Jewish home and all around it, to the extent of breathing the very "air of Eretz Yisroel," wherever a Jew is.

Besides, also in the Diaspora the law of Shemittas Kesefim (remission of debts) is in force, which emphasizes the spirit of Shemittah also in the material aspects of life, particularly in interhuman relationships (bein adam lachaverol).

The essence of Shabbos is holiness — Shabbos Kodesh a holy Shabbos, a day permeated with holiness, which, first of all expresses itself in the cessation of all weekday activities: in regard to the Sabbatical Year, Shemittah — in all agricultural activities, in the field, vineyard, etc.; in regard to the day of Shabbos — cessation from any kind of work, both in the house and in the field, as it is written, "You shall not do any work."

Needless to say, one does not stop at not doing what is forbidden to do; together with this, it is necessary to actively fill the day of Shabbos; and to do this in a way that "brings pleasure (Oneg) into the Shabbos" — by way of the Torah and Mitzvot. And through all this G-d's blessings, both spiritually and materially, are brought down, not only in the day of Shabbos, but also in all the days of the week. For, the holiness of Shabbos goes together with the blessing of Shabbos, as Torah declares: "And G-d blessed the Seventh Day and made it holy."

To put it another way: The general purpose of a human being is, as written, "A man to toil is born" — toil, do useful work, and to achieve good results. Shabbos cannot contradict this purpose, G-d forbid. On the contrary, the "toil" of Shabbos is the true and purposeful kind of toil, which our Sages call the "toil of Torah" (Torah meaning "instruction," namely, the fulfillment of the Mitzvot, including the Mitzvo of learning Torah in a manner that leads to action, and the "toil of Tefillah (prayer)." Therefore, Shabbos, when a Jew is free from weekday activities, is filled with Mitzvot (even the ordinary activities of eating, drinking, sleeping become a Mitzvo, — the Mitzvo of Oneg Shabbos) with additional time for Torah study, for more devout prayer, with the appropriate preparation that prayer calls for. And this is, as mentioned above, the true Oneg Shabbos (aside from the pleasurable anticipation of the reward and blessings that come with the observance of Shabbos).

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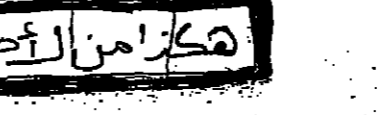
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Anthony Holden reports from Washington on the man who has lit a fuse under President Jimmy Carter

THE UNITED STATES, contrary to previous reports, does possess a Royal Family. And the past few days have at last seen the investiture of its previously reluctant crown prince.

No one but Senator Edward Kennedy can quite match royalty's effect upon entering a room. For a moment the whole place freezes; then there is a brief buzz of excitement before the crowd surges in his direction with all the dignity of a royal wave.

So it was at a star-studded party for Bob Hope in, appropriately enough, Washington's Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts. Hope suddenly found himself standing alone as the fickle fans deserted him. Placed against the opposite wall, Kennedy quietly challenged President Jimmy Carter to prove himself worthy of his office.

America has been waiting 10 years for this moment. It was shortly after Richard Nixon's election in 1968 that the first lapel buttons appeared, reading EMK 1973. For a decade, Kennedy has flirted with the electorate, raising its hopes only to dash them again, carefully building himself enormous stature in the process.

Now, with a series of skilfully orchestrated moves, he has reached an apparent point of no return. The "Draft Kennedy" movements burgeoning in 19 states were about to sag; they could not persuade people that their man would run. Then last weekend, in the words of the New Hampshire organizer, "We got our signs."

By announcing that his wife and mother would support him if he ran for president, Kennedy lit a fuse he cannot now extinguish. It will cause many minor explosions along the trail to the White House. Carter has vowed to fight to the bitter end, as a desperate hint that the nomination may not be worth having.

"It will," signed Democratic national chairman John White, "be a bloody, mangling process."

America's crown prince of politics

"If the Massachusetts boys take on the Georgia boys," grinned former President Nixon, "it will be the battle of the century." He should know.

IF JOURNALISTS could interview flies on walls, blank cheques would now be available for those who were in the White House family-dining room on September 7, when Carter invited Kennedy to lunch. The White House, to general hilar-

ly, insisted that "politics were not discussed." Carter commented on only one report: that Kennedy had called him "a political cripple." "That," said the president, "is silly."

It is now known, however, that two weeks before the meeting Carter had sent the senator a clandestine message. Through intermediaries, Kennedy was told that the president would not withdraw. No matter how

humiliating the early primaries, he was going to hang on in there.

So it was in this knowledge that Kennedy went to lunch, and subsequently took his confident steps forward. There is method in this seeming madness. The 24 Democratic senators up for reelection next year want to run on a Kennedy ticket. If anyone can bludgeon Carter into a dignified withdrawal, they can.

These senators have visions of empty polling booths if Carter is renominated. With Kennedy on the ballot, people will turn out in droves, whether to vote for or against. They may lose the White House, they reason, but they would hold on to Capitol Hill.

But would they lose the White House? Republicans are saying that a Kennedy candidacy would improve the nomination hopes of John Con-

nally, whose charisma count obscures his array of ill-defined right-wing positions. It would also improve the chances of Senator Howard Baker, a popular if lesser known moderate who could challenge Kennedy centre-stage.

KENNEDY'S POPULARITY at present transcends politics: he is portrayed in the polls simply as the leader America craves. Once a can-

didate, however, his long history of liberal positions, championing minorities and kicking against big business would be ruthlessly analysed — at a time when America is perceived to be creeping rightwards.

He will have difficulty winning over the South and the Mid-West — which he would no doubt woo, as did his brother John, with the choice of a relevant running-mate, possibly Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia. Kennedy has not waited this long to be defeated.

Officially, Kennedy is still biding his time, avowedly "considering" the pros and cons. Tactically, this means that the "Draft Kennedy" movements have no legal limits on their fund-raising. The longer their man "disavows" them — which includes refusing to be photographed just yet with their leaders — the greater the eventual onslaught will be.

He seems likely to wait until November or December, continuing meanwhile a flow of hints loud enough to keep the money rolling in. He is not obliged formally to "announce" his candidacy until the end of the year, the closing date for registration as a candidate in the city primaries.

Two consecutive statements, however, make his intentions clear. He will feel it his duty to run, he says, unless Carter can be seen to turn the economy around in the next month or two. Is that possible? In a word, says the senator, no.

He could, of course, still back off. "Oh yes, that's quite possible," said one of his senior Democratic colleagues in the Senate. "Come November, Teddy could get up and say to the people, 'Look, I've thought about this thing, I've looked at it from this way and that, and I've decided to support President Carter's renomination and campaign vigorously for his re-election.' Sure he could do that. But he won't." (Observer Foreign News Service)

'Hanoi Jane' on the hustings

By WILLIAM SCOBIE / Los Angeles

AMERICA'S favourite political situation comedy, the Tom and Jerry Show, went on the road this week, as Oscar-winner Jane Fonda and activist husband Tom Hayden begin a speaking tour that will take them to 50 cities across the U.S.

They hope to raise millions and expand the political base of their fledgling, 7,500-member Campaign for Economic Democracy movement. They will promote a galaxy of causes, from Cesar Chavez's Farm Union to solar power to secretaries' rights.

Above all, they plan to rally the Democratic Party's quarrelsome left-wing "New Left" — they said, perhaps, behind California's Governor Jerry Brown — to become a major force in selecting the party's 1980 presidential nominee.

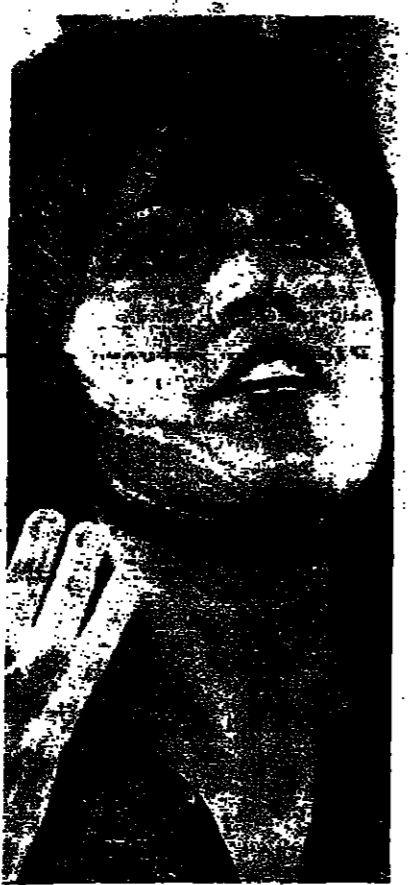
"Whatever this alliance is doing for Jerry," said one liberal state senator last week, "it sure as hell is doing things for CED. A group that was going nowhere three months ago has been legitimized and given national publicity."

WHAT IS the CED, how big a role does Fonda play in it, and why should Presidential aspirant Brown court it assiduously?

A glance at the roots of the Brown-Hayden-Fonda friendship offers insights. In 1973, when the California legislature was about to censure "Hanoi Jane" for visiting Vietnam the previous year and "spreading enemy lies," she and Hayden sought help from Brown, then secretary of state. Fonda feared that the attacks could end her film career.

Brown worked behind the scenes and had the censure motion killed. The friendship began which this year burst into national headlines, as Hayden, now 39, and Fonda, 40, sallied into a series of controversies.

There were storms over Brown's appointments of CED members to prominent political jobs, over his naming of Fonda to the state arts council, over the appointment of Hayden — a former leader of



Jane Fonda, Tom Hayden... campaigning for "economic democracy."

California's Marxist "Red Family" commune — to state posts on energy councils and boards handling the Mexican immigrant problem.

The fallout continues. Fonda's Santa Monica beach home has been picketed (her stand on Vietnam's boat people angered thousands), and she has been praised in "Fonda," denounced in full-page newspaper ads by the California right, defended

in rival ads by the Hollywood community, dropped as a speaker at the University of California.

None of which has harmed CED. Hayden says he expects the group to have 80,000 members by next year (each paying \$50 for the privilege). Formed in 1976, after his unsuccessful run for the U.S. Senate, it will serve as a launching pad for a second bid in 1982.

DESPITE its small paid staff and hundreds of volunteer workers, CED's running costs are more than \$250,000 a year. Fonda, the best-paid actress in Hollywood today, picks up most of the bills. Last week, she opened what is to become a chain of CED-owned businesses to subsidize the treasury — a Beverly Hills health farm called "Jane Fonda's Workout."

At the couple's modest Santa Monica beach home with daughter Vanessa by, out of town, Hayden and his wife, Jane, are in the definition of "economic democracy."

But one principle that emerges clearly is populist control over giant U.S. corporations — something candidate Brown is far from ready to support.

Brown, says Hayden naughtily, "is not our guru." But New Hampshire, site of the nation's first presidential primary, was the first stop on the Hayden-Fonda national odyssey last week.

The ties with Brown are far closer than the couple will admit. With girlfriends Linda Ronstadt in tow, Brown visits the Haydens for long discussions at their Santa Monica home, attends meetings of the CED barred to the press and stays at their idyllic 120-acre ranch in the hills above Santa Barbara — a rest home for campaign-weary CED leftists, purchased last year with Fonda's movie earnings.

How Middle-America will ultimately react to this strange political message — reigning screen queen, retired seminarist, reformed Marxist — remains to be seen.

But the far right is thrilled: "They're going to gouge each other for all they can get in contacts, money and power," burred one Republican politician this week.

And the far left is saddened: "They're showing the same consuming ambition and disdain for truth as the old politicians," said a one-time friend of all three from "Red Family" days.

(Observer Foreign News Service)

AMERICANS in Paris are going home. "Gay Paree" attracted so many American expatriates for such long-term stays that their community included pillars of the literary and art world, their own schools, hospital and even an American Legion post. Now they are becoming an endangered species in France.

The weakened dollar, inflation, taxes, tougher French policies on students and job-seekers and a changed cultural environment have all taken their toll.

Last year the number of U.S. residents registered with the French Government dropped more than 7 per cent to about 26,000. Some see signs that this was the first step in a major exodus of Americans.

"What is clear is that the American community has changed," says one long-time resident. "It's not what it used to be. Do you see the Hemingways coming here any more to get started under the eye of Gertrude Stein or Ezra Pound? You don't."

For years, until well after World War II, Paris meant the good life at relatively low cost: "Now there's been inflation of 10 per cent or more for the last 10 years," says American lawyer John Fredenberger. "It's become terribly expensive."

LIVING costs in Paris are 50 per cent higher than in many U.S. cities. There was a considerable boost last year in American income tax rates for citizens overseas. That, together with the lack of Medicare benefits

Yankees going home

By ROBERT TAYLOR Paris

abroad, persuaded a significant number of retired Americans in France to pack up and go home.

Now a new law that makes investment income in the U.S. liable to French taxation has added to uncertainty and jitter in the American community, which has had a special plikot in France ever since Benjamin Franklin was the first U.S. ambassador.

But as the base of long-established residents — and American-staffed corporate donors on whom they depend — shrinks, Americans in Paris are finding it tough to survive.

The American hospital has had financial problems. The American School's U.S. student population has dropped below 50 per cent. Two-thirds of the American cathedral's members are non-American.

The American Aid Society is faced with a 25 per cent increase in the

number of indigent young Americans seeking financial aid to go home, while the donations on which it runs have dropped about one-third.

And American companies have reduced large expatriate staffs with locals — partly because it's good business in dynamic Europe, but also because they were paying American employees large living allowances made necessary by the sagging dollar and ever-growing tax equalization benefits on these allowances.

"We had 40 Americans here nine years ago," says an American executive of a big U.S. corporation. "Today I'm the only one."

In the literary and artistic world, rich and established names still live in France — Mary McCarthy and James Baldwin among them — but the community that once surrounded such figures is largely gone.

It is partly because struggling beginners cannot afford Paris, partly the perception that the city is not as intellectually challenging as it was 20 years ago.

The Left Bank cafe where Ernest Hemingway spent rainy afternoons writing over an inexpensive glass of wine is still open, but a meal for two people will now cost about \$10 (L270).

A cafe once popular with students and less affluent literary and artistic hangers-on, Rotonde, now has a clientele that is French and unmistakably middle class.

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South African whirlwind

By BARRY STREEK / Cape Town



South African Prime Minister Botha greets Ciskei homeland Chief Lennox Sebe.

A WHIRLWIND is sweeping through the white political establishment in South Africa. It is not the essential nature of white control in the major part of the country that is changing; rather it is the leading personalities and official policies.

In less than a year in office, South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha has introduced important changes to government policy and set others in motion.

During the same period, revered National Party heroes like former prime minister John Vorster and former information minister Connie Mulder have been disgraced and removed from office.

The winds of change have also blown through the ranks of the official opposition. The largest anti-government party in the all-white parliament, the Progressive Federal Party, will soon elect a new leader to replace veteran politician Colin Eglin.

But it is within the ruling National Party that the changes and reverberations have been most profound. And despite reduced majorities in recent by-elections, Botha seems determined to push ahead with those changes he believes are essential for South Africa's survival in the face of a "Marxist onslaught."

His "total strategy" involves the establishment of clear national goals, such as military security, unfettered economic growth and greater internal freedom from discrimination; the creation of a "constellation" of Southern African

states, and a massive concentration of power under his control.

A clear aim of this strategy is to win the active support of those black people prepared to work within the system and a far more determined effort by the government to improve conditions in the rural black "homelands," some of which have already gained their "independence" from South Africa.

Accompanied by his *verligte* (enlightened) Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr. Piet Koornhof, the prime minister recently went on an official tour — the first ever by a South African premier — of the non-independent homelands in an effort to further his aim of reconciliation. And in spite of some hard talking, he made some concessions and won friends among the black inhabitants.

Following Vorster, who never even had lunch with the homeland leaders, Botha made an impact, moving freely among the large crowds of black people who followed him throughout the visit.

And there is little doubt that the government will try to follow up this visit with concrete responses to the demands of the homeland leaders, such as increased aid, more jobs and greater attention to rural development. While the homeland tour undoubtedly had public relations benefits, it was clearly part of the new premier's strategy to win the hearts and minds of the people.

THE SPEED and determination with which Botha is implementing

his strategy is creating confusion among his own supporters, particularly among his party's right-wing, which is seeking to create resistance to the changes.

The right-wing is unhappy with his proposal for a constellation of states. Various National Party leaders have argued over the years for "consultation" with black people, but they have always strongly resisted any suggestions of a national convention or federation.

The argument in the past has been that joint decision-making between black and white, or shared power, would mean that white people would not be able to decide their own future.

Now, Botha has told homeland leaders that there will be round-table discussions between black and white leaders over matters of common concern.

According to the Ciskei's Chief Lennox Sebe, who could well be the next homeland leader to opt for independence, Botha told him that in the constellation the various states would "retain their autonomy but discuss with South Africa such matters as defence, economy and health."

For the National Party, a willingness to discuss defence strategies with black leaders heralds a major change in policy. In a television interview, Botha was not even prepared to rule out the possibility of a federation, although

his party has always also opposed any such suggestion.

DURING THE past 12 months, other cornerstones of National Party policy have also crumbled. In terms of its policy of separation, the black ethnic groups have each been allocated a "homeland." The basis of the division of land was a 1936 law which officially allocated some 13 per cent of the South African territory to blacks. All this land has not yet been bought and the 1936 law has been bitterly criticized by

homeland leaders in the past.

Shortly after assuming office, Botha appointed a commission of inquiry to review the law, even though Vorster had stressed that there would be no deviation from it. The commission has yet to report, but there have already been suggestions that it will make far-reaching amendments to the existing proposals, including the incorporation of a number of white towns into the homelands.

If this is indeed the case, it will undoubtedly have adverse effects on the polls for the government, but it would satisfy "the homeland" governments, which are strongly backed by the traditional tribal leadership.

The Botha government has also:

- Scrapped job reservation, a measure designed to bar black people from certain jobs;
- Extended trade union rights to black people permanently living outside the homelands, although not to all blacks;
- Reversed previous government policy on the Crossroads, squatter camp outside Cape Town and agreed to allow most of the blacks living there to remain;
- Returned its constitutional plans for white, coloured and Indian people to the drawing boards;
- Announced that it is against "forced removals" of black people to the homelands;
- Accepted that some black people will live permanently outside the homelands.

Each of these steps contrasts sharply with previous policy, and although they are far from fulfilling the aspirations of blacks who seek majority rule in South Africa, Botha has unequivocally changed the emphasis of government policy.

Just over three years since the black Johannesburg township of Soweto was engulfed in riots, Botha has announced that he would visit the township. It is a further sign of the new government's attempt to win the psychological war and further defuse tension in a bitterly divided society.

(General News Service)

Carry-out castles

By ROBIN SMYTH/Paris

Once the extravagant whim of multimillionaires like William Randolph Hearst, transporting castle stone by stone and beam by beam is now within the reach of more modest incomes. And no longer does the ghost always go West. Of the three Anjou chateaux that have recently disappeared from villages along the Loire, one has been taken whole to start a new life in California. But pieces of the others are spread about Western Europe from Plymouth to West Germany.

There is of course nothing to prevent the buyer using the castle as a stone quarry — a pile of attractively

moulded Lego bricks which can be reconstructed in a completely different form.

What the customers are getting are not Norman and Renaissance fortresses, which are protected by French law, but neo-Gothic and neo-Renaissance chateaux built for the wealthy middle class and newly ennobled aristocrats of the restored

monarchy in the early 19th century. IT IS being argued in the Paris press that if foreigners are prepared to go to such extraordinary lengths to get their hands on France's mock-Troubadour architecture, the French

had better give it another look while they still have the chance. Even the communists, whose ideas could hardly be further removed from the kind of life for which these buildings were designed, are protesting against "the erosion of the national heritage." Writers on architecture point out that Cimbré en Tiercé, near Angers, the latest being packed up, and one of the three chateaux already dismantled, is the work of a master builder of the medieval revival called René Hodé, who was the subject of an exhibition in Paris two years ago.

A few miles to the west of Cimbré is the chateau de Challain-le-Potherie, the acknowledged masterpiece of Hodé's Errol Flynn "Ivanhoe" style. Behind a massive castellated gate lies a white palace bristling with candle-snuffer turrets and spires. André Ferrière, the architectural correspondent of "Le Monde," calls Challain "a staggering appetition." But such is the bias against 19th century pastiche that there is no mention of Challain or Hodé in any of the main guidebooks to the Loire chateau country.

the trees of the Loire Valley that Van der Elst has few worries about the future. He claims that he has 15 French chateaux lined up for dismantlement. The owners have given up the struggle to meet the bills for rates, taxes, upkeep and repairs.

They will receive no money from Van der Elst; but unlike the other demolition contractors he will not present a bill for taking the chateau off their hands.

"The others destroy everything," he says. It was seeing that this was not the only way of pulling down a castle that gave Van der Elst his mission in life. He had broken away from a large transport company and was driving his own truck through France. The dazzling white French stone caught his eye, and he saw that fine 19th century craftsmanship was being dynamited because fashion had not yet caught up with it.

NOW HE has 100 men working under him from his headquarters at Zvevesels near Bruges. He has a restaurant in the Ardennes with three heated swimming pools, a furniture factory, a yacht at San Tropez, a Mercedes and a 12-cylinder Jaguar sports car which he changes every six months.

With a broken marriage behind him, Van der Elst says: "I live like a bird — always on the move." He drives thousands of miles a year, putting up at the same small country hotels as his workers. They make an imposing procession when they drive into a French town in a fleet of

cream and orange Mercedes with trucks and bulldozers in the same company colours.

"But there really is no company," Van der Elst insists. "It's just me on my own. I do all the planning, all the buying and the selling." Everything revolves around the briefcase in which he carries blurred amateur-coloured photographs of the buildings he has removed and others that are about to disappear. When Van der Elst takes out his camera it is like an executioner sharpening his axe.

THE HUE and cry over Cimbré is beginning to make things uncomfortable in Angers. Police hassle the Van der Elst team for blocking the traffic.

No one is more exasperated by all the publicity than Paul Boré, the chateau's owner. A hard-working farmer who lives in the handsome farmhouse in the park, Boré is a man with a social conscience who is more interested in the plight of the poorer agricultural workers of Anjou than in the chateau life of the past two generations of his family. He did everything he could to try to save the house by offering it as an old folks' home or a holiday centre. But eventually it had to come down — the bill for renewing the slates on only one of the round corner towers was \$10,000.

When it is down, Cimbré will be contained in about 600 crates. One tower will make its way to Britain, and the rest to Germany and Holland.

(Observer Foreign News Service)

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I Confess
Yes, I admit. They're pummeling me from all sides.

I Confess
that despite my being the "solitary Knesset figure," I've been working without any party backing, without public funds, without concealed contributions.

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that everything I've done since I was elected to the Knesset, I have accomplished on my own. The burden has been mine alone, with only the moral support of tens of thousands of my electors and sympathisers. Right, notwithstanding what I've managed to do up to now, I know and concede that more can and must be done. And that's what I aim to do.

I Confess
Despite being the "solitary Knesset figure," and despite all those "lurking in the corner" for me, I have succeeded in labouring away and accomplishing the following, among other things:

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- Assisting in finding housing solutions for hundreds of young couples, mainly those from distressed areas.
- Struggling in the Knesset to have Rakah placed outside the legal pale.
- 112 parliamentary acts in the social and economic spheres.
- Establishment of many dental clinics throughout the country, to provide free dental care for large families, new immigrants, students, pensioners and welfare cases. To date some 10,000 needy have benefited from free dental treatment at these clinics.
- Establishment of the Annette Flatto-Sharon Fund to aid the needy, and to provide scholarships for residents of Kiryat Shmona and other development areas.
- Devising a plan for the construction of 1000 housing units in development towns.
- Setting up a legal team to provide free legal counsel to the needy.
- The release of an Israeli pilot from a Mozambique jail and other Jews from foreign prisons.

I Confess
There is much to be done and the social and economic tasks in the country keep mounting steadily. One lone individual will not be in a position to shoulder the load by himself. Hence, I have resolved to doff the mantle of my Knesset isolation, and turn to you, friends and sympathisers all over the country, with the following call: now, with the country in the throes of an economic and social crisis, come join me; lend me your hand and enable me to increase my activities in the areas of economy and housing. Let us act together to diminish

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IN JERUSALEM/Abraham Rabinovich

fall out very quickly," says Yossi Phillip, director of the society's burial services.

must be cleaned when we are returned." The injunction not to leave bodies unburied overnight in Jerusalem means that once or twice a week the men go out with portable lamps for a night-time burial.

THE HOUSING SHORTAGE

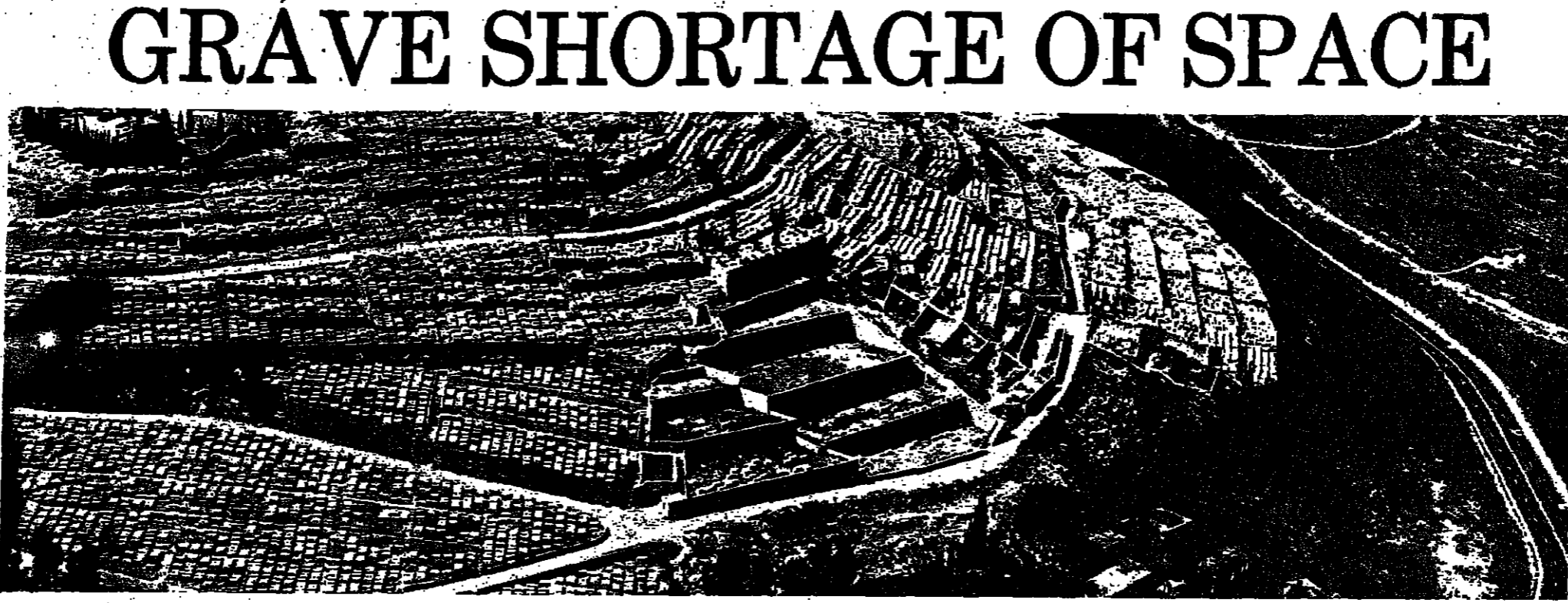
in Jerusalem may be critical but the lack of space in the city's cemeteries is, for us, positively grave.

Jerusalem's largest burial society has been forced to close the Har Menubot Cemetery — its largest major burial site — only for another two years at the city's present mortality rate.

Officials of the Jerusalem Community Burial Society (Kehilat Yerushalayim Hevra Kadisha), which handles 45 per cent of the burials in the city, say it would normally take three years to develop the Aminadav site but that a crash programme could speed up the process.

THE MOUNT of Olives Cemetery, which had served the Jewish community for many centuries, was revived as a burial site in 1967 after being cut off behind Jordanian lines for two decades.

cemetary, all but about 100 have already been purchased, generally by the spouse of someone already buried there.



GRAVE SHORTAGE OF SPACE

After the city's division, a temporary cemetery was set up at Sheikh Bader, on a tract located between what is now Sacher Park and the Knesset.

overlooking the Tel Aviv road, was opened in the early 1950s. Cemetery and planning authorities have been searching for a new site for years as Har Menubot neared saturation.

tentatively decided on, but when the moshav registered strong protests, attention shifted for a while to Har Homa, near Mar Elias, an area presently being examined as a possible stadium site.

The Kehilat Yerushalayim Society employs a landscape architect, Meir Peleg, to design its cemeteries. At Har Menubot, its section is clearly distinguished by the park-like setting.

Sections belonging to other burial societies overlooking the Tel Aviv road are stark and featureless. Jewish law forbids the planting of fruit-bearing trees in cemeteries.



cemetery there was dropped and a compromise reached at Aminadav whereby only half the tract would be used for a cemetery and the other half for the moshav's own recreational purposes.

ALTHOUGH the site, near the Kennedy Memorial, offers a beautiful view, its main drawback is distance. It is estimated that a funeral cortege would take 40 minutes to reach the site from Sanhedria, about three times as much as the time to Har Menubot.

It takes as long to prepare a cemetery in Jerusalem as a housing development because of the steep and rocky nature of the sites which require extensive cut-and-fill operations and blasting.

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An Open Letter To Jimmy Carter

President Jimmy Carter The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

When you lead your Sunday School classes, do you preach Human Rights? Do you pray for justice, peace and love? Do you ask God for strength and understanding? You surely do — if you follow Judeo-Christian teachings!

How else can you, as The President of the United States, the leader of our country, violate these principles and teachings the other six days of the week?

Your behavior toward the tiny state of Israel gives the lie to your professions. If you really believed in these principles, and if you really believed in the rights of the Jewish people, you would not threaten the existence of the only country in the Middle East that practices Human Rights.

Peace is not to be had by our nation becoming an instrument, if not an accomplice, of the Arab oil states and their attempt to blackmail the Western World.

You abuse our nation, sir, and make a mockery of our history when you compare the so-called Palestine Liberation Organization with the Civil Rights movement in America. Dealing with murderers of innocent children cannot be condoned under any conditions.

There are perhaps as many as 5,000 members of the PLO. Does this make a nation? Without their tactics of threat, bribery, and violence where would they be? Whom do they really represent? Do you think the PLO can reduce the price of oil? Will the PLO get freedom for the black slaves in the Arab countries?

Why is it, sir, that you ignore the Human Rights issue when you talk of the PLO and the OPEC countries? What about Human Rights in Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Iran, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Libya? How much independence, self-determination, and human rights would there be in a so-called independent PLO state of one million, an enclave buried in a sea of anti-democratic, anti-Human Rights Arab countries and headed by Russian backed men like Yasser Arafat?

Mr. Carter, you often quote from the Bible. Have you ever read any of the Koran, the Bible and Constitution of most of the Arab States? Please recall that people did not take seriously what Hitler wrote in Mein Kampf.

From the Koran: "Believers, take neither Jews nor Christians for your friends. They are friends with one another. Whoever of you seeks their friendship shall become one of their number." Allah forbids you to make friends with those who have fought against you. "Kill them wherever you find them. Drive them out of the places from which they drove you. Kidnapping is worse than carnage. Fight them until they pay you a tribute which they do not desire and until they are subdued." Allah's religion is supreme.

Has any Arab leader given you any assurance that these are not his avowed aims? Has any United Nations resolution been proposed for any nation to do anything for anyone... except Israel to reduce its security... in return for one half of a Peace Prize?

How can you support the most inhumane dictatorship, and talk of Human Rights at the same time. Is it in this country's interest for you to have your arm around the neck of the Shah of Iran until Ahmadinejad is able to have supported the Somoz regime in Nicaragua and led this great nation to destruction?

As for democracy, freedom, and Human Rights, Israel stands alone in the Middle East. The real long term interests of this country and history demand that she survive; that she receive our wholehearted backing and support.

You must know, Mr. President, that your attitude toward Israel and the Jewish people sets an example and influences people in the United States and elsewhere in the world. As a student of history you know the techniques of exploiting the Jews, using them as a scapegoat for the country's failures and frustrations. When evil and terror strike an ailing world, the poisonous cry, "The Jews are to blame," reverberates through the air.

But, how quickly people forget! Like the Black leaders in America who forgot that the Jews were the first to march with them in the South, at Selma, Alabama, and wherever else they had causes and goals to fight for and injustices to overcome.

Israel is a Nation of 8,000 square miles with 3 1/2 million Jews, in a sea of 21 Arab nations of a million square miles of territory and 100 million people. A few of these Arab nations own the largest part of the world's wealth.

According to you, many of your staff and much of the media, ISRAEL IS THE SOURCE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT BESET YOU!

Truth, fact, information are your responsibility and that of our free press. You can be sure, if Americans get the truth and facts, they will follow you to an intelligent solution and public participation whatever you may ask them to do. The reporting on Israel and the Middle East and the use of the power of this wealth has been all but mediocre.

The oil blockade of 1973 was an act of war under the UN Charter and International Law, and has been interpreted as such by every administration, including yours. If in 1973, when we imported barely 500,000 barrels of oil a day from the Middle East, when ships filled with oil sailed the high seas with no place to land, had an American President said "KEEP YOUR OIL," and asked the American people to support him, how long would that blackmail have lasted? Yet, today you are condoning a conspiracy of bribery, corruption, greed, anti-Semitism and treason.

What, sir, are the real interests of the United States? Your re-election at any cost? The avoidance of any discomfort or hardship to the American people, so that they can drift on in their collective ignorance until it is too late?

Why don't you tell the people of our country that every sixty cents (cost) per barrel of oil for which we are paying an exorbitant twenty dollars, (and more) is the direct cause of our inflation, depression and leading to the reverse colonialism of the western world by the people who are blackmailing us. Why don't you tell Americans how much Israel has done to save American lives from a complete Russian take-over in the Middle East... The intelligence Israel has furnished America about Russian weaponry... The solid base America can count on against the Russian menace in that part of the world. Do you hesitate to commend Israel for what it does and what it stands for because your anti-Israel demands are hypocritical? The Russians are laughing like hell at their surrogates Kuwait and Cuba decide what shall be voted on in the United Nations!

All this is happening because our American leaders will not tell the truth... tell it like it really is. Who are the American Public Officials, heads of companies, and Arab leaders who conspired to commit this treason against the United States, and why have they not been brought to trial? They were all back and forth to the White House and the Middle East in 1972 and 1973 when this act of war against the United States was being planned. Are you afraid to act against them for price fixing, and if this is technically impossible, are you also afraid to try them for treason... which is still going on?

For a long time now, it has been obvious that there is one set of rules for Israel and another set for the other countries in the Middle East. Every demand on Israel to appease the Arab countries is virtually a signal to the USSR that this nation is willing to sacrifice that tiny land of freedom on the altar of oil and political expediency. A strong Israel is all that stands in the way of a complete disappearance of democracy, freedom, and Human Rights in the Middle East, and the hegemony of Russia over the entire Middle East and Africa. In that event how much Middle East oil will you get at what price? In this age of the atom and the seeming heading rush to Armageddon, the destiny of the Jews and Israel is coming to fruition. From the hills of Jerusalem can come words that can have meaning for the entire world.

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(When THE LETTER TO THE WORLD FROM JERUSALEM was published in the first issue of The Times of Israel in 1975, it was reprinted in millions of copies in publications throughout the world. It is as timely today as it was then. Maybe you missed it. Mr. President, Read it carefully. Act accordingly.)

Letter To The World From Jerusalem

I am not a creature from another planet, as you seem to believe. I am a Jerusalemite, like yourselves, a man of flesh and blood. I am a citizen of my city, an integral part of my people.

I have a few things to get off my chest. Because I am not a diplomat, I do not have to mince words. I do not have to please you or even persuade you. I owe you nothing. You did not build this city, you do not live in it; you did not defend it when they came to destroy it. And we will be damned if we will let you take it away.

There was a Jerusalem before there was a New York. When Berlin, Moscow, London and Paris were mistal forests and swamps, there was a thriving Jewish community here. It gave something to the world which you nations have rejected ever since you established yourselves — a humane moral code.

Here are prophets walked, their words flashing like forked lightning. Here a people who wanted nothing more than to be left alone, fought off waves of heathen would-be conquerors, bleed and died on the battlefields, hurled themselves into the flames of their burning Temple rather than surrender; and when finally overwhelmed by sheer numbers and led away into captivity, swore that before they forgot Jerusalem, they would see their tongues cleave to their palates. Their right arms withered.

For two pain-filled millennia, while we were your unwelcome guests, we prayed daily to return to this city. Three times a day we petitioned the Almighty: "Gather us from the four corners of the world, bring us upright to our land; return in mercy to Jerusalem. Thy city, and dwell in it as Thou promised."

On every Yom Kippur and Passover we fervently voiced the hope that next year would find us in Jerusalem. Your indignations, pogroms, expulsions, the ghettos into which you jammed us, your forced baptisms, your quota systems, your gaseous anti-Semitism, and the final unbearable horror, the Holocaust (and worse, your terrifying disinterest in it) — all these have not broken us. They may have sapped what little moral strength you still possessed, but they forged us into steel. Do you think that you can break us now, after all we have been through? Do you really believe that after Dachau and Auschwitz we are frightened by your threats of blockades and sanctions? We have been to Hell and back — a Hell of your making. What more could you possibly have in your arsenal that could scare us?

It was we who civilized the city by nations calling themselves civilized. In 1948, while you looked on apathetically, I saw women and children blown to smithereens, this after we had agreed to your request to internationalize the city. It was a deadly combination that did the job: British officers, Arab gunners and American machine cannon.

And then the strange sacking of the Old City. The willful slaughter, the wanton destruction of every synagogue and religious school; the desecration of Jewish cemeteries; the sale by a ghoulish government of tombstones for building materials; for poultry runs, army camps — even latrines.

You never said a word. You never breathed the slightest protest when the Jordanians shut off the holiest of our holy places, the Western Wall, in violation of the pledges they had made after the war — a war they waged, incidentally, against a decision of the UN. Not a murmur came from you whenever the legionnaires in their spiked helmets casually opened live upon our citizens from behind the walls.

Your hearts bled when Berlin came under siege. You rushed your airlift "to save the gallant Berliners." But you did not send one ounce of food when Jews starved in besieged Jerusalem. You thundered against the wall which the East Germans ran through the middle of the German capital, but not one peep out of you about the other wall, the one that tore through the heart of Jerusalem.

And when the same thing happened 20 years later, and the Arabs unleashed a savaged unprovoked bombardment of the Holy City again, did any of you do anything? The only time you did was when the city was at last re-untied. Then you wrung your hands and spoke loftily of "justice" and the need for the "Christian" quality of turning the other cheek. The truth is — and you know it deep inside your gut — you would prefer the city to be destroyed rather than have it governed by Jews. No matter how diplomatically you phrase it, the age-old prejudices seep out of every word.

If our return to the city has tied your theology in knots, perhaps you had better re-examine your catechisms. After what we have been through, we are not passively going to accommodate ourselves to the twisted idea that we are to suffer eternal homelessness until we accept your Saviour.

For the first time since the year 70 there is now complete religious freedom for all in Jerusalem. For the first time since the Romans put the torch to the Temple everyone has equal rights. (You preferred to have some more equal than others.) We loathe the sword — but it was you who forced us to take it up. We crave peace — but we are not going to the peace of 1948 as you would like us to.

We are home. It has a lovely sound for a nation who have willed to wander over the face of the globe. We are not leaving. We have redeemed the pledge made by our forefathers: Jerusalem is rebuilt. "Next year" and the year after, and after, and after, until the end of time — in Jerusalem!

Eliezer Ben Yisrael, Reprinted from "The Times of Israel" 15, August 1969

Relics of the Sea Peoples

By YA'ACOV ARDON/Jerusalem Post Reporter

A WEALTH of new finds have come to light in the excavations of the sixteenth year of excavations on what is known as Napoleon's Hill, or Tel Fikhhar, a 180-dunam site east of present-day Acre.

The dig has been new evidence of ancient Sea Peoples. Ceramic relics found are characteristic of late Mycenaean civilization and come mainly from Cyprus. "It may be concluded that at the beginning of the 12th century B.C.E., the town was populated by Canaanites and Sea Peoples," said Prof. Moshe Dothan of the Haifa University, director of the project.

The dig is supported mainly by a public committee of friends of the university and is being carried out by a consortium of archaeologists, which includes Prof. Othmar Conrad, at the head of 100 volunteers from German Universities (sponsored by the German Research Foundation) and more from Copenhagen, from the Multinoma Bible College in Portland, Oregon, and other individual volunteers from the UK and the U.S.

Remnants of houses, workshops, ramps and brick walls, some covered with plaster, go back to the 20th and 19th centuries B.C.E. to the Middle Bronze period, nearly 4,000 years ago. Cut into the top of one building was a pit holding 15 skeletons and some vessels. A well-preserved potter's kiln over 3,000

years old was also found; a permanent home is being sought where it can be preserved. Metal-working workshops with copper and bronze pieces were dug up nearby, suggesting that the town had an "industrial zone."

Ancient Acre was conquered, razed, or burnt, rebuilt and fortified many times, rising in the process over the rubble left of the construction of previous generations. In the ten strata dug up to now, a maze of remnants of structures have come to light, not always easy to date. But characteristic pottery, jewellery, seals, masks and other relics provide dating clues.

Ancient Acre in area, is the country's largest archaeological dig site, and most of it yet to be dug up. This season again a rich harvest yielded pottery of many types, scarabs, figurines, handles of wine amphorae, with seals imprinted on them, separate small seals, and jewellery, plus slag from metal workshops. The separate area being dug by the German team for the second season is still at the "late" Hellenistic levels, which show signs of recurrent destruction, once as a residential, another time as a workshop zone. In the northwest corner, at the foot of the tell, remnants of a Greek structure was found dating from the time of Alexander the Great. "This place is huge and unknown. It will keep generations of archaeologists busy," one of them said.



Archaeologists at site of Tel Fikhhar dig. (Oskar Tauber)

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THIS WEEK'S episode of "The Professionals" was sandwiched between two news reports on the "Time" magazine story about Prime Minister Menahem Begin's state of health. In the thriller, British secret agents go to great lengths to guard a heavily disguised rich Arab against assassins who are allowed, by the kindly British security forces, to wander around London, shooting up the visitor and his defenders with every kind of weapon imaginable. Eventually we learn what has happened: the man the heroes are guarding is a mere substitute.

From seeing this film to studying shots of the typescript produced by "Time" correspondent David Halevi of an alleged telephone conversation with Dr. Jack Fein of New York, the mind made an irresistible leap: either "Time" is using substitutes for the premier and the physician, or else the state of Israel is running a stand-in for Menahem Begin.

Those of us who watched "Mission Impossible" will recall how easy it was to fake a plastic face which was an exact likeness of the person the hero was pretending to be. So maybe the Begin we see so often is really Shlomo Nakhdimon, or Dan Paktir, or Yehuda Avner wearing a plastic face. This would explain why no attempt is made to discipline the unruly children attending the kindergarten that is officially called the government.

Appearing on television, Halevi ridiculed the attempts to discredit his story and cited examples of other stories of his which, he claimed, were denied by the authorities but subsequently proved to be true. Well, we shall see what we shall see. May I repeat my previous hope that Begin — the real one — should live to be 120, in perfect health, although I would like him to stop serving as premier at the age of 66.

ONE NEEDS a strong stomach, to watch the news for 45 minutes every evening. It is like taking a long, hard look into Pandora's box. The other night, for example, it began with revelations of what Chief-of-Staff Rafael Eitan had done in the Pinto case. Shmuel Toledano MK made our blood curdle by explaining why he was demanding a full explanation of Eitan's curious behaviour and statements.

Rushing to Eitan's defence, Amnon Linn MK said some astonishing things. He pointed out how much the country owes "Rafael" — without his remarkable achievements in October, 1973, and throughout his long service, Israel might well not exist today, said Linn. That being the case, he is entitled, according to Linn, to a certain amount of latitude in what he does and what he says;



At right, the Director-General of the Broadcasting Authority, Tommy Lapid — a look-alike for Archie Bunker?

Reality and unreality

out of gratitude, we should not object. After all, Linn claimed, many cabinet ministers do not tell the whole truth all the time; the chief of staff should enjoy similar immunity. It was somewhat shattering to hear this definition by a prominent member of parliament of the position he feels should be maintained — or, rather not maintained — by the powers that govern us concerning the truth. And to think that Israel made such a fuss about Andy Young misleading his own superiors!

After this the newsmen brought us shots of representatives of revered institutions working like slaves in an attempt to create facts at Ma'ale Adumim Bet, and so circumvent any judgement that might be given by the Supreme Court. In the event, the court decided for the settlers and against the Arabs, so all that prodigious labour was unnecessary. But I must say I was shocked by what I saw. I was brought up on stories of how swamps were redeemed and deserts made to bloom; I was taught to wonder at the skill with which water towers and stockades were rushed up overnight in case the Arabs attacked and tried to disrupt the holy work.

TELEREVIEW
Philip Gillon

Here we had the traditional techniques used, and improved upon; however, the enemies were not Arabs but Jewish judges sitting on the Supreme Court bench. I was consoling myself with the reflection that the party running things this way could not endure long in office in a bastion of democracy, when Yitzhak Rabin came on the screen to complain about what he called the Labour Party's Watergate affair. If Rabin is wrong, then we had as chief of staff and prime minister a man who is obviously a paranoiac in urgent need of psychological help. If he is right, the possible alternative to the present administration is a party led by a manipulator commanding a gang of dirty-tricksters.

After these items calculated to raise our morale, Simha Ehrlich and Yitzhak Moda'i quarrelled about the prospects of the eighth economic plan being a success. We were told — as if we needed to be told — that prices had risen by over 8 per cent in

a month, and we were warned that widespread unemployment is very probable. Then we had some shots showing how Gush Emunim has taken over the country's foreign and defence policies, with some help from Ariel Sharon. And then the clincher: the wars of the Jews over the Ramot road.

As I said, one needs to be very tough to take the news these days. FOR LIGHT relief, after the news, we have been getting in recent weeks the "Second Look" series on poverty. This week we were shown the suffering of pensioners. It would obviously be wicked to suggest that we should never see such programmes, that the hopelessness of the old and the poor should not be shown on our screens. But something might be done about the timing. The programme planners can take it for granted that we will emerge from the nine o'clock news appalled by what we have seen; there is no need to kick us deeper into the mud with hob-nailed boots. In fact, I think that such comedies as we are grudgingly allowed, like "All in the Family," should come after the news, to cheer us up.

Talking about "All in the Family," I have at last realized whom I think of when I watch Archie Bunker — Yosef ("Tommy") Lapid, the director-general of the Broadcasting Authority.

Word has reached me that Lapid is striking another blow in his drive to move Television House in the right direction — he is getting rid of Yigal Eilam, who has been running "One Hour Before." Despite all these changes in Television House, one cannot say that the news or the programmes favour the government any more than hitherto, perhaps because any effort to suppress critical comment would result in a complete blackout of the news, since nothing good ever happens any more.

AT LONG last we had a film which must have been approved by the chief of staff and Amnon Linn — "The Lost Patrol," featuring Victor McLaglen, Reginald Denny, Boris Karloff and Wallace Ford. This was all about fine British soldiers ambushed by "sneaking Arabs" somewhere in Mesopotamia, and the clear moral of the story was that the best way to deal with Arabs is to kill them.

When I first saw the film, many years ago, I thought it one of the best I had ever seen, and it certainly stood up surprisingly well to the passage of time. I thought then — and still think — that Reginald Denny's reply to the religious fanatic about the things in which he had faith — a speech reminiscent of Rupert Brooke's poem, "The Great Lover" — is one of the best things I have heard on the screen. Boris Karloff made the fanatic less attractive than Frankenstein's monster, the other part he acted so well.

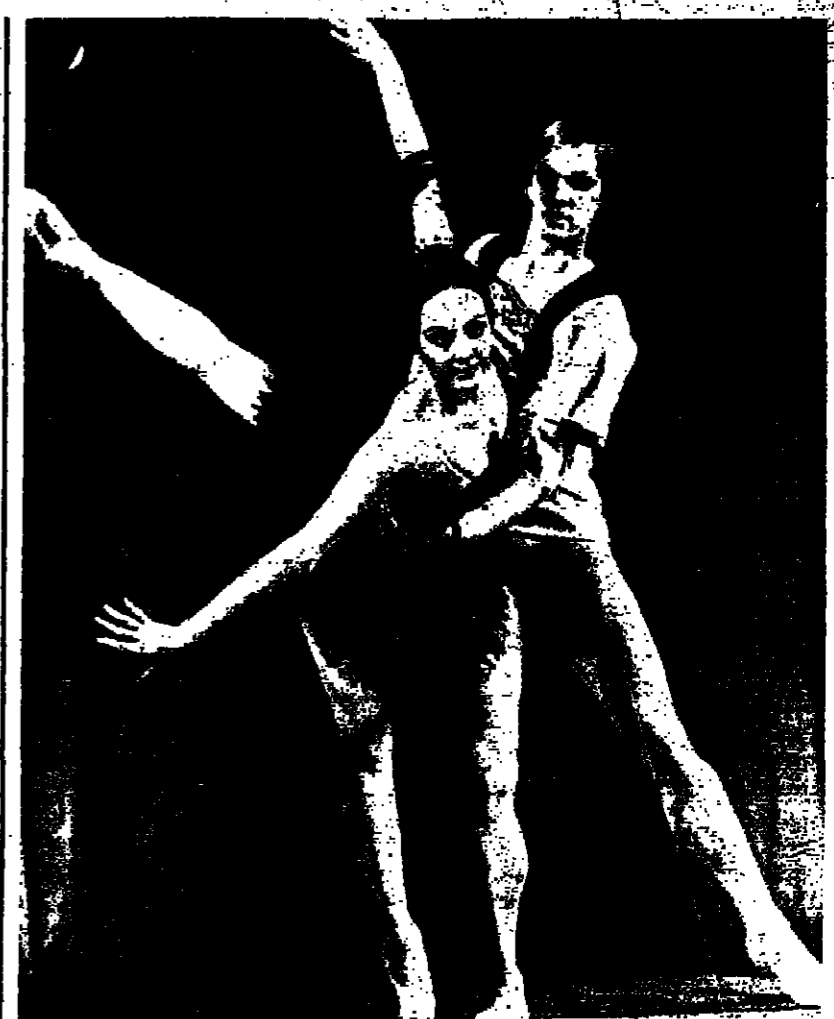
It was a stirring and absorbing film, and we should have more classics like it. What about getting hold of the great comedies, which featured Carole Lombard, Cary Grant, Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert?

This week's episode of Rumpole was particularly enjoyable, although I would have preferred it to the preceding "Charlie's Angels," which, I am sorry to say, has not recovered from losing Farrah to the cosmetics trade.

"The Professionals" this week was as good as it was incomprehensible. Why those boys go on working for Cowley-Hudson is beyond me. He makes it very clear that they are expendable, and doesn't mind at all if they are exposed to every kind of mayhem. I suppose that once the boys get into that line of work, it's hard to get retrained as a plumber.

During the next few weeks I will be away on vacation, watching television in England, and this column will be written, possibly with prejudice, by Alex Berlyne.

I wish all of us, including the heads of the Broadcasting Authority and members of Gush Emunim, a happy and peaceful New Year.



The good life of the Bolshoi Ballet was enjoyed by this young male dancer, photographed in 1974. Five years later, he willingly gave it up. His name: Alexander Godunov. (UPI)

Pampered lives of prima donnas

By NIKKI FINKE/Moscow

THEY DRIVE the flashiest Western cars. They dress in the latest fashions from Paris and Rome. They live a millionaire's life beyond the dreams of ordinary Russian citizens.

The principal dancers of the Bolshoi Ballet, like other successful writers or composers in the Soviet Union, enjoy all the social and material privileges that the supposedly classless Soviet society can offer.

One well-known Soviet writer once said: "We don't live a Soviet life. We live a Western life in Soviet society." For some, it is still not enough — and they leap West.

Now, a husband and wife team, Leonid Kozlov and Valentina Kozlova, have joined Alexander Godunov in seeking asylum in the U.S. They are the first three defectors by members of the famed troupe.

How has the Soviet Union kept its dancers happy in the past? By heaping Western luxuries upon them, as well as the chance to travel abroad, own foreign currency and join the Soviet elite, according to company members and sources close to the Bolshoi Ballet.

The income of Bolshoi dancers depends on ability, crowd appeal and the length of time they spend in the company. It is said that the Bolshoi's No. 1 male dancer, Vladimir

Vasiliev, earns close to 1,500 rubles a month (about IL60,000), some of it convertible into hard currency for his trips abroad.

The average Soviet worker's salary is 180 rubles (about IL6,500) and it is illegal for them to hold foreign currency.

The chance to travel abroad is a coveted privilege, as most Russians need a special "foreign passport" that is difficult to obtain.

Some have sailboats or outboard motorboats brought from overseas, not to mention Japanese stereo equipment, Scandinavian furniture and French art. One dancer has installed a Finnish sauna.

Yet it is far from the idyllic life it appears. Dancers have complained privately that Soviet officials, and the KGB security police, attempt to limit their contact with Moscow's foreign community. They suspect that their telephones and apartments are bugged and that certain members of the troupe act as informers for misbehaviour, including sexual deviations.

Competition is fierce inside the Bolshoi company. At 29, Godunov still had not been made a "People's Artist of the USSR" — a coveted title, though he was acknowledged as the No. 2 male dancer behind the aging Vasiliev. (The Associated Press)

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PROSTITUTES who prowl Milan's main square, the Piazza del Duomo, are protesting against unfair competition — from television.

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Even discounting the purple prose of local journalists, who write of "orgies to make envious the Rome of Nero" — the spectacles are lurid enough to have aroused the fury of leaders of religion and others concerned with public morals.

But the campaign against what the sponsors call the "TV of Sin," more popularly known as "Red Light TV," has had little success, because no laws exist to cope with it.

One answer might be a "public taste" charter for television companies, but that would be difficult to enforce on Italy's anarchistic broad-

casting system.

Private television companies are starting up all over the country, many of them clandestine. Some 700 or so are said to be operating in northern Italy, mostly in and around major cities, such as Milan and Turin.

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RED LIGHT TV

By NORRIS WILLATT/Milan

Before the advent of private television such programmes would have been impossible. Viewers used to be limited to two channels of the state-controlled Italian Radio and Television Broadcasting Company, and those of neighbouring countries, such as Switzerland and Yugoslavia. Italy's state television is still very proper. With the Church looking over the shoulder of broadcasters, little of a suggestive nature gets by. Not so many years ago, it was forbidden to use words which might have a double meaning, such as organ, member and even alcove.

As recently as 1975, the popular

singer and dancer Raffaella Carrà was censured for baring her navel on screen.

But the barriers have been coming down in all the media. The revolution started in the cinema, in spite of the regulations prohibiting films regarded as offensive against bourgeois or good taste. Now you can see all the erotic films you desire in Milan, as in most other big cities in the world.

It is from these that television is taking its cue, and for the same commercial reason. Milan's four erotic movie houses, with an estimated 60,000 regular supporters, are doing brisk business, while many conventional cinemas are practically deserted.

So far Milan is alone in daring to go so far. In other leading cities, restraint is still being exercised, even by private television operators, though no one can be sure for how long. (Observer Foreign News Service)

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THE CHINA SYNDROME: Starring Jane Fonda, Jack Lemmon, Michael Douglas. Directed by James Bridges.

AT ITS CORE, "The China Syndrome" is a slick variation on "The Towering Inferno" or "Titanic," a disaster movie that substitutes a nuclear power plant for a skyscraper or ship. This is not a complaint however, for this is a first-class thriller, and a film that warns against the dangers of nuclear power.

Jane Fonda plays Kimberley Wells, a reporter for a local TV station in Los Angeles. She and a cameraman (Michael Douglas) are filming a routine story on a nuclear power plant when a strange rumbling, at first mistaken for an earthquake sets off a panic in the plant's control room. Douglas surreptitiously films the event, unaware that he has captured a near catastrophe that could have wiped out the entire population of southern California.

In director Bridges' suspenseful and disturbing film, this large chunk of geography and its population teeter at the edge of nuclear catastrophe as the result of a conspiracy, not of ideology, but of good old-fashioned greed. Construction companies that cheated on the quality of their work, a power company that wants to insure maximum profit, and a television station that is terrified of law suits all combine to put Fonda in the middle of the potential disaster until she joins forces with the grizzled chief engineer of the plant (Jack Lemmon), who discovers that a large scale catastrophe is on the near horizon.

Those familiar with the story of Karen Silkwood — the young plutonium worker who died in a mysterious car crash just before she was to present evidence of alleged safety hazards at an Oklahoma nuclear plant — will recognize similarities in the script written by Mike Gray, T.S. Cook and Bridges. There is nothing mysterious about their position: the powers that be are fully capable of murder to protect their investments. The movie's sympathies are clearly humanistic, but often crudely stated. In the pop iconography of the '70s, the bad guys wear pinstripes and the good guys have a touch of funkiness. So sharply are the two delineated that when this film first opened in New York, there were complaints that it had a distinct lack of fair-mindedness about nuclear power issues.

It may be well to remember that three weeks after its preview, the supposedly safest nuclear plant in the U.S., at Three Mile Island, Pa. had an "incident" that might have proved catastrophic. There, as well as in the fictitious Ventana, we came close to seeing the China Syndrome in action: the nuclear core of the reactor burning through its lead and concrete "containment" and, at least metaphorically, digging its way to China, while releasing huge clouds of radioactive steam and dust particles into the atmosphere.

The real theme of the movie is power. The utility company, the media, the construction company all engage in a struggle for their own survival without consideration for the survival of the species. Lemmon, Fonda, and Douglas are the odd men out until they take the power into their own hands.

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THE MAIN EVENT: Starring Barbara Streisand and Ryan O'Neal. Directed by Howard Zief.

IT IS certainly Tel Aviv's season for boxing films. Within three weeks as many films have opened featuring a fight theme — "The Champ," "Rocky II" and this poor attempt at comedy.

Streisand portrays a flamboyantly rich, thoroughly coarse and ignorant business woman who happens to own the contract of a boxer. When her business manager embezzles her funds, she turns to the ring to recapture lost riches. Her "property," Ryan O'Neal, as "Kid Natural Scamion," is not much of a boxer, but a handsome young stud and uncouth liar.

The two team up to turn the "Kid" into a star. En route to whatever it is they're headed for, they fight with each other frequently and in vulgar ways. They talk a lot about sex, and the more spectacular fights take place between them, and not in the ring.

The two characters prove thoroughly distasteful. Streisand tries to play the liberated woman but in the end falls into every negative female stereotype to have hit the screen in a number of years. There is an overexposure of her thighs, breasts and buttocks, which leaves one grateful that she sings better than she looks. In O'Neal's case, he never loses his shoddiness. His attractiveness to Streisand escapes the audience. Perhaps it is something about his appearance as an overgrown pubescent with growing muscle power and a diminishing cerebral cortex.

Genuinely bad acting is complemented by a poor script, jokes that really make sex sound dirty, a lack of directing and a rotten job of editing. Put it all together, and "The Main Event" is a real loser.

THE WINCHELL AFFAIR: Starring Tal Nativ, Ed Zevka, Oded Custer and Dev Faigen. Written and directed by Avram Heffner.

TWO THEMES seem to dominate "The Winchell Affair." The first deals with the mystery of Lord Winchell's death in the 1930s. The second, more complex, theme unfolds the lives of two generations of Israelis. There is, however, a third, dominant motif to the movie, that of the interconnections between the generation of the pioneers of the state and of their children, the inheritors of today. It is here that the meaning of being Israeli is given a depth and beauty new to the Israeli cinema.

Heffner has studied philosophy and demonstrates an understanding of the ideas of Erik Erikson. The pioneers, grown old, have acquired wisdom. It is beautiful and painful to share their joy and pride in what they accomplished politically and socially while also seeing the regrets that they have for their personal lives, perhaps not lived as they wanted. They find a compensation, however, in the acknowledgement that they have lived their lives as well as they could and their feelings

for the younger generation. Their acceptance of the inevitability of their own deaths is part of the bitter-sweetness.

Their children perceive life differently than they did. Now in their thirties, these are individuals struggling with personal rather than national identity but are also trying to put themselves in perspective both to the heroic idealism of their parents and to the realities of today. Their problems are social, marital, economic. Through the artistry of the film, it becomes evident that this new generation is no less heroic, no less idealistic, though they deal with their idealism in different ways.

Heffner weaves an intricate tale in the style of Chekov. A young reporter (Tal Nativ) becomes interested in discovering the truth about Winchell's death, shrouded in confusion and lies, much as the non-fictitious Arlosoroff murder. Her investigations bring her into contact with the generation of elders who were involved with Winchell, Ben-Gurion, the Revisionists, and others among the country's founders. She first contacts her own father who was an intimate of Winchell's. Through him and his friends she solves the mystery and discovers new perspectives and meanings to her relationship with her father and his generation. She then comes to a realization of her own place in history and to an awakening of her own selfhood.

Heffner has made this a director's movie by keen control over his excellent cast. The acting is low-keyed and the dialogue natural. One feels a tremendous admiration and love for Ilana's father (Dov Faigen); a keen appreciation for the pain and pride of Zakai (Shimon Finkel); a sense of respect for the youth and integrity of Ilana herself (Tal Nativ). In addition to the excellent development of personalities within the film, there are vignettes that add to the feeling that the story is about real people that include not only the protagonists but those around them.

If the film has a major flaw, it may be that it relies too heavily on dialogue and not enough on image. Other flaws are minor, and do not detract from the quality of the film.

Heffner's "But Where is Denny Vax?" (1972), also an excellent movie, dealt with the generation of Ilana. His "Aunt Chava" (1977), though a more humorous diversion, dealt with that of her father. With "The Winchell Affair," he has integrated the two.

Uncovering a portion of the beauty of what this nation and its people are about is no mean chore, and Heffner's endeavour bodes well for the future of the cinema in Israel.

THE CLASS OF MISS MACMICHAEL: Starring Glenda Jackson and Oliver Reed. Directed by Silvio Narizzano.

CONNOR—MacMichael (Glenda Jackson) teaches at Selkirk, a "special school" in London for adolescents judged to be incorrigible. Despite a large sign outside the building declaring it to be a school, Selkirk more closely resembles the lion cage of a zoo.

This is partially due to the attitudes of the headmaster (Oliver Reed), who cannot think of the students as anything but little "bastards"; to the absolute naïveté



Ryan O'Neal and Barbra Streisand in "The Main Event."

and do-good attitudes of the charity group supporting the school; and to the majority of the teachers, who are uncaring incompetents. The resultant pandemonium is also attributable to the kind of antiquated thinking that perceives schools as baby sitting agencies for society.

Miss MacMichael is one of the few teachers who treats the youths in her class like human beings. She and the headmaster are constantly at odds over the rights of the students, the obligations of the teachers and the role of the school. At the centre of their arguments are a collection of youngsters that no teacher would want to meet, either in a dark alley or in a well-lit classroom. Gaylord suffers from serious brain damage, Victor is an exhibitionist, Marie a prostitute; and Ronnie a kleptomaniac. The students collectively partake freely of sex, marijuana and other people's property.

Judd Bernard, who based his screenplay on Sandy Hutson's novel, has stated that "we are not making a statement about educational systems or trying to solve anything." Herein lies one of the film's major problems. Without a real understanding of the problems of such a school, the movie presents an unrealistic picture, completely devoid of depth. That one of the stated intentions of the film is to say nothing at all ensures that the in-

redients will never cohere or get the audience involved.

The second major problem is in the characterization of Miss MacMichael. Her boyfriend (Michael Murphy) accuses her of being "a nobody for those kids," and unfortunately he is correct. The respect she gives her students is tantamount to a massive dose of masochistic self-abuse. There is, after all, a huge difference between ensuring the rights of pupils and allowing them to walk all over you.

Sidney Poitier's "To Sir With Love" portrayed a similar kind of school situation and, while somewhat sentimental, at least gave a glimpse into how one can reach such youngsters. Other "school movies" such as "Up The Down Staircase," while no less superficial, gave insight into the real problems of both teachers and students alike. "The Class of Miss MacMichael," while it gives us a peek at the zoo, offers little in the way of either entertainment or solutions.

"L'UNE CHANTE, L'AUTRE PAS" ("One Sings, The Other Doesn't"); Starring Therese Liotard and Valerie Mairesse. Directed by Agnes Varda.

AGNES VARDA has long been associated with both the women's struggle and politics. In her 20 years as a film director, she has dealt with

subjects as diverse as a pretty young woman who discovers her strength through the process of dying ("Cléo from 5 to 7"); the Cuban revolution ("Sabbat Les Cubains"); and the possibility that one person's joy necessarily causes another's suffering ("Le Bonheur").

Throughout the work of this militant and dynamic director runs a strain of humanism and persistent optimism, which perhaps comes out most fully in this, her latest, film. It traces the development of the complex friendship of two very different women over 15 years.

In 1962 Pomme, 17, is thrown out of her parents' Paris home for having helped procure an abortion for her friend Suzanne, the 22-year-old mother of Marie and Mathieu. When Suzanne's lover Jerome subsequently commits suicide, she returns to a dreary existence on her parents' farm near Solsons. Ten years later the women are accidentally reunited during a pro-abortion demonstration. We learn that Pomme, now living with her Iranian lover, Darius, sings and composes music with a four-woman group and that Suzanne is working with a family planning clinic in Hyeres. From here we are exposed to the ongoing relationship between the women. Pomme marries and goes to Iran, to meet with disillusionment. Suzanne has an

on-and-off affair with a sincere but married paediatrician.

In 1976 the women meet again — and finally seem content with the personalities and lives that they have developed. The narrator of the film (Varda) adds that perhaps their struggle can help others.

The film has strong and touching moments but smacks too heavily of unreality. Although Varda defends the "accuracy" of her film, it seems in the end to be merely a sentimental fantasy, which lacks dimension. It is difficult, for example, to agree to the proposition that the two women have known true suffering. While they have experienced surface shocks and privations, they do not seem meaningful in the film. The suicide of Jerome is taken too lightly; Suzanne's life on the farm is a simplistic parody; and Pomme's experience in Iran is prettified by travelogue images.

Moreover all of the problems are resolved a bit too easily. Pomme and her former husband trade children as if they were postage stamps; Suzanne acquires a nearly ideal husband with little trouble; and their children grow up a bit too angelic to be real.

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CREATION AND JUDGMENT

By Dr. DAVID HARTMAN/Special to The Jerusalem Post

IN THE TALMUDIC tradition, the month of Tishri is regarded as the period that celebrates the creation of the world.

"This day the world was called into being; this day all the creatures of the universe stand in judgement before Thee, either as children or as servants. If as children, have compassion for us as a father has compassion for his children; if as servants, our eyes are fixed on Thee until Thou be gracious unto us and bring forth our judgement as the light."

Thus, in the Rosh Hashana liturgy, the theme of creation is interwoven with the theme of judgement.

The doctrine of creation is not merely a theory regarding the origin of the universe. The Biblical description of creation must not be understood as a scientific explanation of the origin of the universe.

The doctrine of creation as a dramatic metaphor has a formative significance that transcends its factual descriptive content.

The Torah does not aim at conveying neutral factual information. As a religious text, its primary purpose is to offer direction (the word "Torah" is from the root to instruct) to the human quest for meaning and purpose.

Judaism differs from religions that preach salvation through faith. Judaism focuses primarily on the content and significance of human behavior. The centrality of mitzvoth — commandments about actions to

be performed or avoided — in Judaism indicates the primary significance of action above belief.

Judaism is primarily a way of life. Its emphasis is on practical concerns — on doing; in a word, on Halacha (from the root "to go").

The Rabbinic weaving together the theme of creation with Rosh Hashana suggests that creation is intimately connected with man's spiritual rebirth.

The Biblical teaching of creation suggests the unique importance of human life. In the Biblical account, Man is singled out from the rest of nature and set apart as a creature of irreducible worth and significance.

Man alone is considered "other" by God. It is only to Man that God communicates mitzvot and makes a covenant with, since the human species alone comprises free individuals who can oppose the will of God. The covenantal challenge, "You shall be holy, for I, God, your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:1) can only be addressed to that being who, like God, is free.

The unique status and stature of man is a dominant feature of Biblical and Rabbinic morality. In the Talmud, the fact that Adam was originally created alone is taken to mean that one who saves a single life should be regarded as if he has saved an entire world, and he who destroys a single life should be regarded as if he has destroyed an entire world (Mishna Sanhedrin).

CREATION implies the absolute dignity of human life irrespective of race, religion or creed.

Acknowledgement of the worth of human life in the light of creation commits one to reject the dehumanization of human beings by violence or by the institutions of industrial society. The believer in creation must reject the morality of the crowd and of conformity. He must be morally disgusted by all forms of reducing people to numbers.

A believer in the doctrine of creation is challenged to feel wonder and amazement at the birth of one single human life. He abhors the vulgar statement: "If you know one, you know them all."

Modern mass communications media have in many ways made us insensitive to the precious value of a single human life. We may decrie great acts of violence while remaining unmoved by the plight of the single lonely person. To affirm creation is to declare war on all such forms of dehumanization.

Rosh Hashana, which may be characterized as a call to stand still and examine attentively the quality of one's life, makes no sense in a depersonalized world.

Rosh Hashana's call to spiritual renewal falls on deaf ears unless one is moved by the music of "man created in the image of God." The day celebrating creation and the day when each individual is judged are one and the same. Spiritual renewal and accountability (judgement) are set out against a background which indicates the supreme dignity of human life (creation). Only he who appreciates the importance of the notion of the image of God can comprehend Rosh Hashana.

The rabbinic rooting of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in creation colour the way one experiences the awesome features of the judgement of Rosh Hashana. It suggests that judgement takes place because human life is significant. Human beings are judged because human actions are important. One must carefully scrutinize every single act one does.

The specification of human conduct and the particularization of human beings in the light of the "image of God" conception of Man counteracts paralyzing feelings of guilt by reaffirming the value and dignity of Man and the importance of particular actions.

The tenor of judgement is not dominated by human guilt or terror

rather than by the unique worth of Man which makes teshuvah so vital. There is no judgement in Judaism which is not linked to the hope for teshuvah. The purpose of judgement is less to determine guilt than to encourage change and personal reevaluation. The liturgy of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is a fervent plea to Man to believe that he can change, that he can alter habits and past patterns and build towards a new future through honest introspection in the present.

THE NOTION of the absolute value of a single human life which lies at the heart of creation must not be understood as an idealized romantic concept of Man.

Judaism's emphasis on the dignity and uniqueness of Man does not lead to a naive picture of human goodness. Immediately following the account of creation, the Bible presents detailed descriptions of human failures: Cain and Abel, the tower of Babel, Noah and the generation of the flood.

The Bible's account of human history is an explicit chronicle of hatred, jealousy, pettiness and violence. God gave the Torah to a people prepared to stone their liberating leader whenever they encountered danger or deprivation. Although Man was created as a free, independ-

ent being, he often chooses slavery rather than free insecurity. There are no illusions about human nature in the Bible nor in the rabbinic tradition. Belief in the doctrine of creation did not create naive romantic idealists.

Our affirmation of the importance of the judgment of Man (judgement), of his (creation) and teshuvah (return, renewal) will take place this year in a world where we experience the social and political fragility of the State of Israel; and where we painfully feel the lack of moral and political leadership throughout the world. In this difficult time in history, I live with the hope of renewal because I — like all Jews — have been conditioned by the regenerative power of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

One does not need dramatic slogans and myths not grounded in reality in order to energize our commitment to work for the spiritual renewal of Israel. Love based on childhood illusions and myths about the spiritual purity of the Jewish people contradict the spirit of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, which proclaim the determination to struggle for renewal while being fully awake to human weaknesses and frailty.

If Jews will listen to the powerful rhythms of the liturgy and will patiently reflect on the dominant theme of love grounded in reality, we will gain the fortitude to love ourselves and ourselves as individuals with a profound, mature love capable of sustaining commitment in the midst of uncertainty and imperfection.

Flag fever

By DAVID GEFEN/Special to The Jerusalem Post

ROSH HASHANA 5665-1904 was a milestone in the history of American and world Jewry. On that day 75 years ago the blue and white "Zionist-Jewish" flag flew for the first time side by side with the flags of all the nations. It happened at the World's Fair — in St. Louis, Missouri.

To mark the event an editorial in the daily "Yiddische Tageblatt" stated: "Alongside the banner of Zion the flags of the other nations were more brilliant. It is a modest blue and white with a six-pointed star in the center, but it means much more to civilization, means much more to humanity than any other of the flaunting banners which have been crowded a bit to make room for the strange newcomer."

The story of how this "strange newcomer" came to fly so proudly at St. Louis marks one of the early triumphs of the fledgling American Zionist movement.

The summer of 1904 was a sad one for Jews. On July 3 Theodore Herzl died, and the mourning for this visionary was unprecedented.

THE ZIONIST chapter in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania decided that it wanted to memorialize Herzl in a special fashion. Since the World's Fair in St. Louis had opened, the Pittsburgh Zionists felt that this Fair would be an appropriate locale in which to indicate the steps being taken for the return to the Jewish homeland.

"What better way, the members thought, to accomplish this than with a flag of Zion? Therefore, the chapter had a 2 metre by 3 metre white and blue flag with a star in the

middle made up and sent it to the Press Committee of the Fair requesting it be hung over the "All Nations Building."

As soon as word of the flag's arrival in St. Louis got out, tremendous opposition arose. In particular, the columns of the "American Israelite" of Cincinnati, Ohio and the "Reform Jewish Advocate" of Chicago were filled with criticism of this Jewish nationalist trick. "This is a bit of chutzpa," the "Israelite" opined, "which cannot be tolerated."

When the executive committee of the Fair received the flag, there was a heated debate over what to do with it. A local Zionist enthusiast in St. Louis, Michael Stiffelman, spent long hours persuading the officials of the Fair that the flag did represent a nation, the Jewish nation, and thus it should be displayed with the flags of all the other countries of the world. Ultimately he was successful and Rosh Hashana 5665, September 12, 1904, was selected as the day when the flag should first be unfurled. When Stiffelman first saw it, the evening before Rosh Hashana, he wrote: "And there she flutters — as if Zion was already the home of the persecuted and not the dream of the forsaken people — now hanging simply beside the flag pole, like those who proclaim that Zionism is not the solution of the Jewish Problem. A light breeze stirs it from

its moorings — and now a gust of wind sends the blue and white waving in the breezes — my heart with rapture thrills, beating faster and faster, my eyes moisten and my frame quivers with emotion at the thought of the success of the movement. The assurance of Herzl's state."

THE FAIR lasted for several months, and Americans came from all over the U.S. to see it. The Jews came not only to visit the exhibits but to see the Jewish flag. One of those visitors was George Tunkle of Augusta, Georgia, a member of the national executive committee of the

Federation of American Zionists. After the holidays in 1904 he went to St. Louis, as he wrote, to see the "Zion flag."

By the time he arrived in the middle of October, the flag had multiplied. When Stiffelman took him around the fair grounds, he proudly pointed out to Tunkle blue and white flags on the Machinery, Varied Industries, Manufacturers, Electricity, Education, Agriculture, and Liberal Arts Buildings. From one, seven had sprung forth and the sight left its impact on Tunkle. "I stood and gazed, chained to the spot," he noted, "scarcely believing and my own eyes hardly realizing that the flag of Zion is a reality, floating over the grounds of the world's greatest Fair, saying as it were, to the inhabitants of all the earth: 'Lo, the Jews are a nation and this is the nation's symbol. Let skeptics and doubters cease to doubt — Zionism is a living reality.'"

IN ORDINARY years, Rosh Hashana, like Yom Kippur, and unlike the three pilgrim festivals (these five make up the year's biblical festivals) has no agricultural significance. The year being ushered in, 5740, is an exception, for it is a year of Shmitta, a sabbatical year for the land, which comes every seven years. The land has to remain completely fallow — sowing, pruning and ploughing are not permitted.

Today, with the development of crop rotation, artificial and organic fertilizers and pest control by chemicals, the need for giving the exhausted soil an opportunity of recovering no longer obtains. There is no doubt, however that in biblical times the uninterrupted year-after-year working of the soil would have utterly exhausted the soil. That Israel continued to be a "land flowing with milk and honey" was ensured only by the institution of the sabbatical year for the soil.

Sabbatical year

LOUIS I. RABINOWITZ

The famous American pioneer of land conservation and friend of Israel, the late William Clay Lowdermilk, put forth an "Eleventh Commandment" in 1939 (which was quoted by Prof. Moshe Davis in a lecture in 1975). Lowdermilk showed that the land had been impoverished by erosion, waste, misuse and neglect of resources, a process that was being reversed by the Jewish settlers, and he dedicated his

"Eleventh Commandment" to them:

"Thou shalt inherit the Holy Earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy fields from soil erosion, thy forests from desolation, and protect thy hills from overgrazing by the herds, that thy descendants may have abundance forever."

Apart from one possible exception, all these desiderata were fulfilled as a result of the sabbatical year. The exception is that the Bible states specifically that the fallow land was to be left "for thy cattle and for the beasts that are in thy land," for whom "all the increase thereof shall be for food" (Lev. 25:7). Apparently the fear of overgrazing and consequent erosion of the soil was either not taken into consideration or not regarded as a serious menace.

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522 Eilat Shiva, kibbutz Hamara.
523 In memory of my dear, departed mother, whose yorek is the day before Rosh Hashana — Leah Dubin, Shuhot.
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Close to their hearts

By HELEN ROSSI/Jerusalem Post Reporter

they are hand-blown in Jerusalem and make a wonderful gift. Send your orders in quickly. We will be reporting on how the Special Fund is working when we open the Toy Fund's 31st drive in mid-November.

THE 30th drive of The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund brought in IL580,539.70, including the sums (IL26,171.80) that came in since our last list was printed in February, enabling us to fill all of our obligations for Hanukkah 1978.

Some Toy Fund statistics for our 30th drive: Bat and Bar Mitzva watches went to 271 children; countrywide we took care of 3,047 children with 1,900 foster parents; 180 government institutions for children both well and ill; we helped the Jerusalem Municipality with all their special projects which were being run on a trial basis; five hospitals with special projects for sick children are permanently on our list; children in a Beersheva home for the retarded were able to have an outing, which has now become an annual event; and eight convent schools and hostels had gifts at Christmas.

In reviewing all the wonderful letters we have had during and after the 30th drive, two take pride of place. One came from Dr. and Mrs. Charles Meredith Alexander, Broomall, Pa., who wrote that their daughter was a Hanukkah baby and would we still be taking her Bat Mitzva donation to the Toy Fund. Of course, we were ever so pleased to have their \$200 contribution.

The other was a letter that came in

February, telling us how the writer and his wife had bashed in a Yom Kippur war bond. These anonymous donors are penitents, and the sum came to IL17,250. Could we please help them find an institution that could make some use of it for something special? With the help of Elisheva Shalev, we were happily able to make a tie-up with an institution for disturbed youngsters at Gan Yavne, who will now have a special music project. Recorders and other easy musical instruments were purchased. They have a music teacher on the spot, and we will be checking out to see how they get on. Our last list for our 30th drive includes:

- 5240 Students of the Temple Beth Am Religious School, Framingham Center, Massachusetts.
5200 In honour of the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter Rachel Leah Alexander, and on behalf of Temple Shalom of Broomall — Dr. & Mrs. Charles Meredith Alexander, Broomall, Penna.
572 Merrick Jewish Centre, Merrick, N.Y.
580 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Colb, Cleveland, Ohio, Jewish Congregation Sisterhood of Fort Belvoir, Alexandria, Va.
526 Members of Beth Usiel Congregation, Philadelphia, Pa.
525 In honour of Rabbi and Mrs. Albert Thaler on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary — Gertrude and Zova Markin, Tel Aviv. In memory of Yehoshua Eigenfeld, who came to Palestine in 1926 as a cadet from Poland, and who lived as one, died 1938 and is buried in Haifa, and in memory of David Treiber, a lover of Israel, who is buried in Kiryat Shaul, Tel Aviv, and for his daughter, Shoshana Treiber who perished in Auschwitz — from Sally Treiber Keller, Miami Beach, Florida. Freda and Harold Levy, Bronx, N.Y. The Northern Illinois Jewish Community Center Sisterhood, DeKalb, Illinois. Elizabeth G. Braf, Fayetteville, N.Y. IL480 In loving memory of Louis Frank — The Shor family, Rehovot.
513 In memory of my beloved late wife Anna — Jacob Batist, Montreal, Canada. In memory of Ann Rosenblum — Dr. Bernard Weber, W.P., N.Y. In honour of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Rudolf C. Bodlander, N.Y.C. for their continued love and support — Deborah E. Bodlander, Washington, Daniel Freis, Heidelberg, West Germany. In memory of Joshua Gumbick, from his nephews.
517 Students in the Orange Synagogue Center Religious School, Orange, Conn. \$500 Am Israel chai! — Andrea Wightford, The Salvation Army, Stockholm, Sweden.
515 Anonymous, Quebec, Canada. Temple Beth Or Religious School, Raleigh, N.C.
512-65 Hebrew High School of the Five Towns, Lawrence, N.Y.
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512 In the name of the Egalitarian Minyan at the Bnai B'rith Hillel Directors' Conference — Adina Torchman, Chicago, Ill. From the students of

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The ground is shifting

Israelis are generally unaware of a major change in American attitudes and tend to treat the Andrew Young affair as 'a night-mare interlude, not the dawn of a politically new day,' writes STEPHEN S. ROSENFELD.

HAVING spent last month in Israel, I returned to Washington to find the U.S. scene sharply transformed in ways that are potentially very disturbing to Israel and that most Israelis refuse to heed.

It is no doubt that the Andrew Young affair that has made the difference or, more precisely, that has shown out of the closet a lot of feelings that existed in some form earlier but were not receiving much public or political expression. I detect these feelings now not just among blacks, whose support for Israel has never had that much political meaning, but among whites, and especially among people I would call decent liberal non-Jewish whites, who have always been a crucial source of support for Israel.

The feelings are these: Israel has overreached. It has gotten an unacceptably large look on U.S. foreign policy. Through the American Jewish community, it is using its influence in ways not in the U.S. interest. It is asking for too much money and too much political support on an impossible, open-ended basis. It is foolishly refusing to grant

the legitimacy of Palestinian nationalism and to recognize the essentially political and non-terrorist essence of the Palestine Liberation Organization. It and not the PLO is responsible for the post-Camp David impasse in the Middle East, and it and not the PLO will be responsible for the oil disruptions, or worse, that the impasse may produce.

Invariably, the people who express or report these feelings add that there is a tinge of anti-Semitism in the air, directed against American Jews as well as against Israel. Privately, Jews with whom I have talked agree that it is more than a tinge.

WHAT IS MOST troubling to me is to find Israelis so insensitive to what I think is a sea change in U.S. opinion. Israelis tend to see the Young affair as a nightmare interlude, not as the dawn of a politically new day. They think their standing in the U.S. can be patched up by hard work, calming hands and the pulling of traditional levers of influence. They expect to get back to business as usual, by which they mean difficulty, uncertainty and some nastiness as usual, but the large amounts of support as usual.

The Israeli government clings to the text of the Camp David agreement as though it were a magically

self-fulfilling guarantee of U.S. steadfastness, without taking into account what I regard as the deeper political fact that public opinion is pulling the ground out from under Camp David's narrow approach to the Palestinian question. The Israeli government seems to expect that the Camp David text will save it from the fact that more and more Americans are coming to accept that considerations of oil and justice require the United States to add a Palestinian component to its Middle East policy.

The Israelis take some comfort from the success so far of their bilateral dealings with Egypt, dis-

counting the possibility of a logjam on the Palestinian issue later. They perhaps take even more comfort from Jimmy Carter's political weakness, which they and everyone else can see, leaves Carter unable to put much steam behind his evident desire to draw Palestinians into the negotiating process. In a word, they are running blind.

The Israeli elite, in politics, the media and so on, project to the Israeli public the view that this is yet another of the many periods of crisis in Israel-U.S. relations that Israel has suffered and survived. That is to say, the Israeli public has little inkling of what I take to be the central

fact that the ground is shifting in the U.S.

ONE WAY I expect the Israelis to find this out is to see what happens to their fantastic new request for a doubling of aid to near the \$4 billion mark. They seem quite insensitive to the strains this request will put on U.S. good will. Other strains on other issues can be expected.

The Israelis and others might have done many things in the past to prevent this situation from coming about. But now, I think, there is only one thing the Israelis can do, if they can bring themselves to stop evading the central Palestinian issue and to stop digging themselves into a deeper hole of dependence on an increasingly restive U.S. It is to say that they will deal with any authentically representative Palestinian body that recognizes their right to exist. From that, everything else follows.

(Washington Post News Service) The author, a senior member of the "Washington Post" staff, recently spent a month in Israel.



Andrew Young...opened the closet. (Camera Press)

OVER THE past few weeks, the two superpowers — the U.S. and the Soviet Union — reached a confrontation point which only the most concentrated and dedicated efforts could resolve. Even SALT-II, which had been negotiated over such a long period with much difficulty and much care, was suddenly in the balance.

"This is a very serious matter that affects U.S.-Soviet relations," declared Secretary of State Cyrus Vance as he hinted that the U.S. might delay or withhold final ratification of the treaty. "This is such a serious matter that we must keep close contact with members of the Senate as we go forward in our discussions with the Soviets," he stated. Senator Howard Baker, of Tennessee, the minority leader, said that the development should be considered a hindrance to chances for ratification of the vital agreement: "You cannot consider SALT in isolation," he declared, and the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Frank Church, of Idaho, said that this "particular action comes so close to home that unless the matter is corrected in a manner acceptable to the United States, I would think it would prove impossible to prevent it being linked to SALT as the Senate takes up the treaty."

Some 24 hours later, Vance reported that the matter was "so serious" that he had asked Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin to return to Washington from his vacation "at the earliest possible moment" in order to discuss the matter seriously. They subsequently held two lengthy meetings. But the strongest reaction came in a letter signed by a 67-year-old U.S. general and admiral who urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to reject SALT-II as a result of these developments. Retired Admiral Thomas Moore, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, solemnly read the letter before the committee and stressed that the events revealed a "Soviet grand design which had already been demonstrated in Africa and elsewhere."

Responding to the extraordinary appeal of this galaxy of former military leaders, Church suggested that his committee might "drag its feet on SALT until the matter was resolved." This prompted Vance to meet Church and promise to main-

Israeli view of Cuban crisis

America's shock at discovering that a Russian combat brigade is stationed in Cuba — 135 kilometres from its border — should make U.S. leaders more sensitive to Israel's security needs, writes HARRY HURWITZ.

tain close touch with Congress on the subject.

Several days later President Jimmy Carter himself, and national Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski rallied to the defence of SALT-II, urging that extraneous matters be not permitted to interfere with it. But the president declared that the U.S. should use "firm diplomacy" in dealing with the matter.

WHAT WAS it all about? What caused this sudden strain in U.S.-Soviet relations? The deep concern of American military and civil leaders? The protests? The diplomatic hurrying and scurrying?

It all began on August 30 when Church disclosed the presence in Cuba of a Russian combat brigade of between 2,000 and 3,000 troops. In an official statement, Vance announced that the identification of this unit as a Soviet combat force had recently been confirmed by U.S. intelligence units, which concluded that the force had been in Cuba "since at least the mid-1970s."

The Soviet force comprises motorized rifle battalions, tank and artillery battalions and combat service support elements. Vance revealed that these units were separate from the Soviet military advisers and technical military personnel in Cuba which the U.S. administration estimates at between 1,500 and 2,000.

Even though the specific mission

of the combat unit was not clear, and even though it appeared to lack an assault capacity, the very presence of the unit was, according to Vance, a "matter of serious concern."

Carter confirmed that the forces did not have weapons capable of attacking the U.S. but, he said, U.S. relations with the Soviet Union would "inevitably be adversely affected if the Soviet troops stay there."

WHAT SHOULD Israelis say about this grave crisis that brought the two superpowers to a political and diplomatic confrontation?

Cuba is the largest island in the Greater Antilles of the West Indies, situated directly south of Florida and about 135 kilometres away from the nearest point in the U.S. Its population of about 12.5 million is separated by the sea from the 218 million citizens of the U.S., the leader of the free world.

And yet, the presence of the combat brigade of between 2,000 and 3,000 troops — in addition to the nearly 2,000 Soviet military and technical advisers — is considered a threat to the U.S. if not a military threat, then certainly a psychological threat and a political intrusion into the region regarded as the United States' sphere of influence.

As we look at the map of Israel against the background of this newest Cuban crisis, we can only envy our American friends their fortunate situation.

Israel is a small country, the size of Rhode Island, a quarter the size of Cuba, with about a quarter of its population. There is no sea separating it from its neighbours and, as yet unreconciled, enemies who are right up against the borders of the Jewish state in the east and in the north. Even the present borders — which are the result of the defensive war fought in 1967 — place Jordan some 30 kilometres from Jerusalem and right up against the city of Eilat. The Sea of Galilee is only a few miles away and Beit Shean is virtually on the border. In the north, the present

border places Syria less than 22 kilometres from the Sea of Galilee and the same distance from Israel's northernmost cities like Safad.

If Israel were to yield to world appeals and pressure — including those of some circles in the U.S. — and withdraw from Judea and Samaria (the so-called West Bank), the already dangerous picture would take on terrifying characteristics.

The forces of King Hussein of Jordan — or those of an independent Marxist Palestinian state — would be virtually on the doorstep of the 13-kilometre coastal strip to which Israel would then be confined. The border would almost touch metropolitan Tel Aviv, Herzlia and Petah Tikva, where the bulk of Israel's population lives. It would be only about seven kilometres from the outskirts of Netanya and Hadera, 15 kilometres from Beersheba and less than eight kilometres from Ben-Gurion International Airport. The nation's capital would be surrounded by the neighbouring states.

Moreover, Israel's neighbours to the east and north are actually still at war with the Jewish State. They are heavily armed with the most modern weapons supplied to them in large quantities by the Soviet Union (in the case of Syria) and the Western nations (including the U.S.) in the case of Jordan.

These are much more serious than the "motorized rifle battalions, tank and artillery battalions and combat and service support elements" of the Soviet unit in Cuba. Their armies include very powerful air forces equipped with the latest Soviet aircraft. In Syria, too, there are many thousands of Soviet military advisers and technical military personnel — as in Cuba.

PERHAPS this information will give U.S. opinion-makers a new perspective of Israel's position. Quite apart from this nation's inalienable right to its ancient land, these vital security factors must be considered. Those who urge Israel to give up territory would never agree to live under such conditions of proximity to the enemy themselves. The grim mood in the U.S. was caused by the discovery of the relatively tiny force on an island 135 kilometres away.

The sharp reaction of the U.S. leaders indicates how the nation would conduct itself if the Cubans were to come still closer to home, in other words right up against New York; if Washington were to be surrounded by them; if Philadelphia were seven kilometres from the border and Florida right on the border. The Americans would not tolerate such a situation.

This latest experience will, hopefully, develop a fresh, more realistic appreciation of Israel's claim to sovereignty in Judea and Samaria and its absolute insistence on secure borders.

The author is the prime minister's adviser on information.

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POSTSCRIPTS

A COUPLE FROM Brooklyn, New York just dropped us a line, and we think it worthwhile for all our readers.

Sandra and Isaac Chesir write: "We have just completed a sabbatical year in Jerusalem. We came not as potential olim for a 'trial period,' but simply as an experience to be enjoyed. In this sense, our year has been more than successful. Our neighbours were warm and helpful. The local school made an effort to integrate our children, and their adjustment problems were minimal. "But as has happened to others before us, the dream of aliyah invaded our thoughts. If we were at the beginning, or toward the end of our active lives (retirement), the answer would be a simpler yes. But for a family in its middle years, the practical and emotional considerations are more complex. "The outstanding problem of course, is housing. We are not wealthy Americans. We are typically middle-class. At the moment, our resources would barely stretch to provide minimal housing for us. And, in a few short years our children will have to be housed as well. "A second problem is the lack of understanding in Israel of the American mentality. Our aliyah is purely idealistic. We are not fleeing economic, religious or personal persecution. Yet we are asked to cope with inefficiency, waste and possible corruption. We do not expect perfection in so young a country, but we are frustrated by the unresponsive attitude of both the political leaders and bureaucracy to our individual as well as our collective problems. "To add to our frustrations, we also come with a work ethic which seems non-existent in Israeli society. "We come from a society that has established but flexible policies vis-a-vis the economy, education, labour and human relations, to a society which either has no apparent policy (as in housing and relationship with

the Arab population), or has a policy which is so rigid as to be counter-productive, such as over-protection of the worker to the detriment of the economy as a whole. "If we sound over-critical or unappreciative, we apologise. There is much that is good in Israel, especially for the children. And there is certainly nowhere else that a true, full Jewish life can be enjoyed. But when one is uprooted after half a lifetime from familiar surroundings, even though it is by one's own choice, one cannot be expected to put down new roots without a little care and nurturing.

NAHUM SHAMIR, who recently ended a two-year stint as Israel's consul-general for the Mid-Western U.S., recalls the most unusual event during his tour of duty: a strictly kosher seder conducted by Illinois governor Jim Thompson at the governor's mansion in Springfield. "It was simply a family affair," Shamir says. "No communal leaders, just friends of his and people he works with. All Jewish. Although I must admit one guest is somewhat of a celebrity: the columnist Ann Landers. But most were young parents with their children. There must have been at least 60 altogether. "My wife lit the candles and I made the kiddush. Jayne Thompson, the governor's wife, went around from table to table to help serve. It was in the Grand Ballroom. They had all the traditional dishes: gefilte fish, soup with kneidlach, turkey, tzimmes, apple, matzo kugel, hot fruit compote, sponge cake. Even Israeli Carmel wine. The tzimmes, I was told, baked for 12 hours in a slow oven. It was delicious. Jayne and State Senator's wife Eda Carroll, were for several days in the kitchen, cooking and preparing. The chief of the kitchen staff bought a basic book on the seder, to make sure there would be no mistakes. "It was really unusual. No publicity. Nothing even mentioned in the

media. It was purely for his own pleasure and ours. He said he always liked the idea behind this holiday. People struggling from slavery to freedom. "All the rituals were observed. Even the handwashing ceremony. "All the men follow me," Thompson said. In the corner of the room was set a big punch bowl in sterling silver that had the State Seal of Illinois and a decanter of water and all the men washed their hands. "Ann Landers kept saying, 'Let's skip a little. At home we skip. I'm tired.' But he wouldn't do it until he was finished with all the songs and the complete service. He was very concerned that it should be done properly with all the customs included and absolute decorum observed. Everyone read passages. The seder was conducted beautifully, maybe better than I could have done. "When I return to Israel, they won't believe it. A Christian governor of a state, I think he is a Presbyterian, conducting a completely traditional Passover Seder." G.C.

A RECENT survey conducted among 1,000 leaders of Hungary's Communist Youth League revealed what correspondent John Dornberg calls a "shocking and hilarious lack of knowledge." More than 17 per cent of those questioned knew nothing about Lenin, 31 per cent had no idea who Stalin was, and 42 per cent failed to answer questions about Khrushchev. One respondent even identified Khrushchev as "the first man in space." Some 13 per cent knew no more than the fact that Lenin "was a revolutionary, Marxist, a famous statesman." Stalin, according to some replies, was "commander-in-chief of the Germans" during World War II and died by "shooting himself in the head" — an apparent confusion with Hitler. The results of the survey were published last month in "Young Communist," the theoretical monthly of the Communist Youth League.

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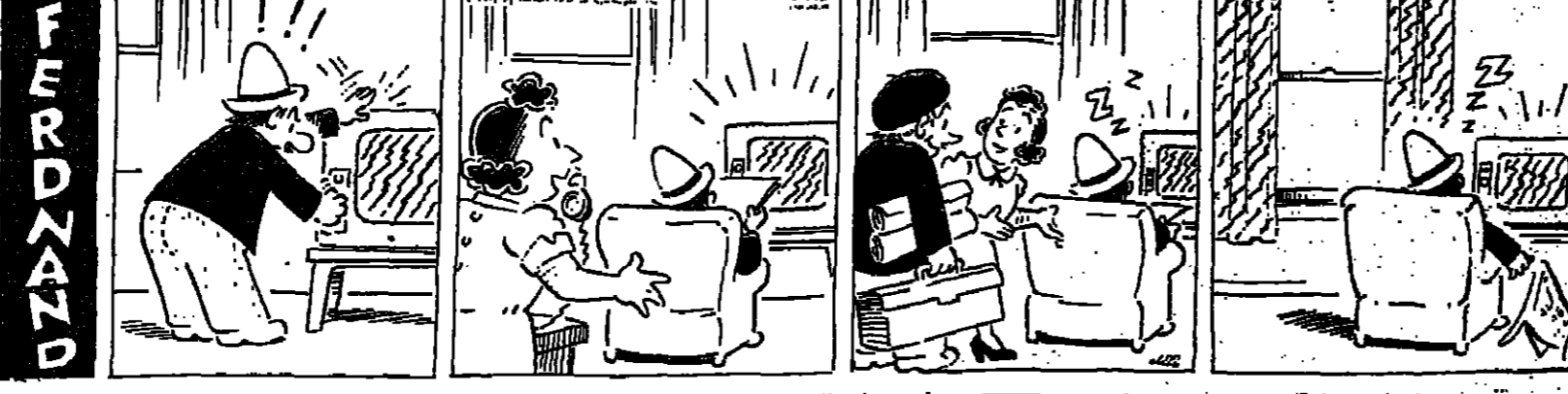
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BeerSheva: Hanegev, 108 KKL, 77015.

Sunday

Jerusalem: Hadassah (pediatrics, surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, E.N.T.), Shaar Zedek (internal, obstetrics).
Tel Aviv: Rokah (pediatrics, internal, surgery).
Netanya: Laniado (obstetrics, internal).
Haifa: Ramban.
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Magen David Adom first aid centres are open from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Emergency home calls by doctors at fixed rates. Sick Fund members should enquire about rebate.

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Jerusalem - Magen David Adom Romem.
Friday: 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Hadassah (pediatrics), Bikur Holim (internal, E.N.T., Mt. Scopus (obstetrics), Shaar Zedek (surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology).
Tel Aviv: Rokah (pediatrics, internal), Ichilov (surgery).
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Programmer must be highly motivated and capable of independent work; comfortable in English; able to function easily with both assembly and high level languages; with experience in system programming and micros. Experience with PASCAL and compilers is desirable.

The successful applicant will work in Jerusalem on an exciting machine-independent general software application using UCSD PASCAL.

Good conditions and incentives.
Send resume in strict confidence to P.O.B. 3799, Jerusalem - Personnel Department.

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Young Chemical Engineer
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GENERAL Announcements

Relatives sought: Rachel Tannenbaum of Lodz, 12 Zakona, born 1924, father's name Yacov, mother's name Golda...

Business Opp.

Developing company in car field requires active partner + investment, touring and information background desirable...

Groups

Private members club, most well-known, respected in Israel, receives new candidates...

Matrimonial

International matchmaking office, Carmel, free holiday offer, for men 28-70 for serious purposes...

Pets

For sale, puppies of Pyrenees Mountain dog, delivery during New Year period, 09-51021.

Schools & Lessons

Excellent French teacher, lessons in pupil's home, 680878, evenings.

Services & Shopping

Aviation, quality repair and maintenance, fully equipped, Ramat Hasharon, 03-417283.

Personal

Experienced, 33, in instructive, flat, P.O.B. 2486, Ramat Gan.

Accoutments

Beginner bookkeeper required, full-time, Tel. 624251.

Travel & Tourism

From Paris, Simca 1000, 1978, with full insurance, roof rack, 04-251743.

Where to Stay

Arad, rooms/floors, furnished, 07-783907, 067-98307, Evenings 03-783364.

Personnel Wanted

Merom Commerce Ltd., Israel's foremost home marketing company, seeks agents to distribute book series...

Clerks

Experienced Hebrew clerk/typist required, Agah Ltd., 76 Sderot Rothschild, 03-299116.

Handresses

Salm Naveh requires advanced apprentices and fan operators, excellent terms, 245404.

Metal Workers

Wanted, engraver for precision work, wanted, miller, after hours, 223676.

Messengers

Prizma Ltd. requires motorcycle owner for messenger and distribution work, 03-629313.

Sales Personnel

Personable saleslady required for Silu Jewellery shop, 13 Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv, 654111.

Sewing & Cutting

Seamstress for hand sewing, Lulia Bar high fashions, 70 Hayakon, 03-629313.

Cultural Events

Private collection of old and rare paintings being sold: Kaplan, Flaker, Avner, Bilu, Kadar, Meshulam, Avni, Gabari, and others...

Exhibitions

Private, handsome, wealthy, in Israeli Jerusalem, P.O.B. 8751 Jerusalem.

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הלווה הפכו לענת אחות תנ"ך Classified Advertisements In cooperation with the Ministry of Housing, Planning and Construction

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* Normandy, 24 inch Black & White. Fully transistorized. Perfect. Bargain. 02-24094.

Dan Region

3 ROOMS & MORE
* Beil Brak, spacious 4-room flat, 2nd floor, central. 03-532823.

Washing Machines

* General Electric, used, 115,000. 990410, also during holiday.

Southern Reg.

3 ROOMS & MORE
* Rishon Leshon, Shimon Hamerkas, 4 under construction + plot. 18 Eshel, Zaharoni.

Water Heaters

* Zohar quality solar and electric heaters, immediate delivery. 025547, Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv - Yaffo

3 ROOMS & MORE
* 3, 35 Neve Shanan + American kitchen + partly furnished. 03-201, 354516.

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VILLAS & HOUSES

* Herziya, small house on 1-dunam plot, suitable for cottages. 03-921547, evenings.

2-3 1/2 ROOMS

* Ramat Aviv, 2 1/2, ground floor, renovated, for immediate transfer. 1,200,000. Tel. 014147.

CONTRACTORS

* Arad, 2 1/2 building, 2 1/2 and 5-room flats in Herziya, master bedroom, cupboards, double doors, etc. 03-921547, evenings.

Holon - Bat Yam

3 ROOMS & MORE
* Afeke, corner cottage, 2200 sq.m. built on high position. 4,000. Dnr 2000. 287785.

Flats - Rental

* Givatim, Givat Ramim, 2 1/2, partly furnished. 02-28814, 02-72122.

Flats - Rental

* Tel Aviv-Yad Eliyahu, 2 large, complete, to let. Tel. 03-527453, after Holiday 03-651024.

Cars - Services

* Kaduti station, 1965, excellent mechanical condition. 726022.

Cars - Services

* Hasorim, Car Service Ltd., service points: Tel Aviv and center. 03-471171, Haifa and north. 04-874781.

Cars - Services

* Commercial Opel, 1700, 1973, model, 1145,000. Work 005-29229; home 005-42890, 03-801894.

Cars - Services

* Interested in buying Dodge D100 or 1978-79 Chevrolet van. 03-21107.

Cars - Services

* 1974 Ford Mustang Coupe, exceptional condition. Work 653-3138.

Flats - Rental

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Year ends on upbeat as shares, bonds advance

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange closed on a bright note as both the stock and bond markets advanced...

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

continued to move full speed ahead as the shares jumped ahead by 7.5 per cent. Phoenix II chipped in with a 6.5 per cent gain.

Service shares advanced slightly. Land development and real estate stocks were mixed. Solel Boneh "A" and "C" shares continued their descent.

ILDC, the oldest Israeli real estate company, saw its bearer shares pick up three points to 190. Rassco pref. was seven higher at 277.

Industrials were mixed. Petrochemicals enjoyed a good session as its shares slipped higher by 5.5 per cent.

Alliance continued to be established as "sellers only" and for the third consecutive session the shares were established 5 per cent lower. Elron II gained 10 points to 895.

Investment company equities moved higher. Elgar (r) rose by 5 per cent. The stellar feature were the shares investment of Pax (b) which jumped by 6.9 per cent.

The management also announced that it has received an option from the Eisenberg group to purchase shares in the Maritime Bank of Israel at the same price which was paid by the Eisenberg group.

Management announced its preparedness to exercise the option. The value of the transaction has been estimated at a maximum of IL30m.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like D.B. pref., D.B. opt. 1, etc.

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like Housing Mtg. opt. 1, Housing Mtg. opt. 2, etc.

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like Prop. & Bldg. opt. "A", Prop. & Bldg. 18% deb. 4, etc.

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like Nechushtan b, Elite opt. 3, Elite 20% conv. sub. 2, etc.

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like Most active shares, Leumi, Mizrahim, etc.

Representative bond prices

Table with columns: Price, Change. Lists various bonds like 4.5% Defence loan, 7% (Ayin), etc.

New York Stock Exchange

Closing prices - Sept. 20

Dow Jones Industrial Average: 893.63 up 17.23

Table with columns: Stock, Closing price, Change. Lists various stocks like Allied Chemical, ASA, Amer. Int. Paper Mills, etc.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates—Sept. 20

Table with columns: Currency, Rate. Lists various currencies like US dollar, British sterling, etc.

IMF pessimistic about economic cure

WASHINGTON (AP).—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Sunday there is little hope that major industrial nations can soon find answers to their economic problems.

The IMF annual report said the industrial powers already have miscalculated the degree of the economic slowdown in the world, saying it will be steeper than was first thought.

U.S. gold miners not getting rich

LEAD, South Dakota (AP).—The price of gold is surging to record highs, and union members at the Homestake Mine here wish they had seen it coming.

Employees at the 103-year-old gold mine, the largest in the northern hemisphere, receive a wage bonus based on the price of gold.

THE TWO IN ONE JUMBO CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Includes sections for Cryptic Puzzle and Easy Puzzle.

Table with columns: Currency, Rate. Lists various currencies like US dollar, British sterling, etc.

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Advertisement for E.D.S. International Transportation Ltd. offering shipping services for personal belongings.

THE JERUSALEM POST
An Roth Editor and Managing Director
Erwin Frankel Editor
Founded in 1932 by the late GERSHON AGRON...

THE URGENT ALTERNATIVE

Post editor ERWIN FRENKEL sees new elections, followed by a national unity government, as the answer to the breakdown of the Likud government.

A prospect of change

THE HARD TIMES the country is now passing through make a stock-taking of conventional, and especially official, wisdom necessary.

For over two years now Israel has been ruled by a government collectively dedicated to the idea that the nation's domain rightly extends over the entire area of historic Eretz Yisrael...

It must now be clear that nothing is doing more to hurt, and isolate, Israel than attachment to this concept — and that the peace treaty with Egypt, the present government's biggest achievement...

For Israel finds itself today, twelve years after the Six-Day War, in a situation where the source of the Middle East conflict is no longer generally taken to be the denial to the Jewish State of the right to live in peace...

Today this conviction is now shared by even civilized foreign nations, who view Israel's settlement drive across the "green line" not as an assertion of a Jewish right to settle in the ancestral homeland...

That the present government can make so light of these facts, as it does, only shows the extent to which it has become prisoner of its delusions.

This is shown, too, in its applying for colossal sums of aid from the U.S. Treasury while presuming "to put the Americans in their place"...

But a government which shows such signs of isolation from reality is not a government which can last very long. And as the nation enters the new year it faces the prospect of the need to select a new government...

A SENSE of despair has reached deep into the inner councils of the government. Its immediate origin lies in the performance of Mr. Begin...

Without Mr. Begin as a centralizing force, the government has been beset by division. This in turn has impaired or prevented decision, further aggravating the sharp differences of party, policy and personality...

The evidence is everywhere. The Liberal Party, blamed for Israel's unprecedented inflation, wants out. It keeps the coalition intact, for the moment, only because of Mr. Ehrlich's personal fidelity to the prime minister...

But the party's discontent must be considered beyond repair. For the government's internal constraints and weaknesses render it incapable of producing any economic solutions that could satisfy the Liberals or Mr. Ehrlich himself.

Even in the negotiations with Egypt, which are Mr. Begin's only — and genuine — achievement, there is a prevailing sense of marking time to see which will collapse first, the government or autonomy talks.

Weizman sit spectacularly and immaculately on the sidelines.

The record of failure, inaction and division within the cabinet does not, of course, stop there. Shimon, Yadin, Levy, Dulzin are all names that signal the dissonance that grates upon the public temper.

And for those good citizens who doubt that the government can be in such woeful straits, Mr. Dayan's statement that the cabinet is a walking corpse, and Mr. Dulzin's remark that it needs heavenly mercy, have provided the rhetoric of doom.

It is perhaps safe to assume that, were it not for the approach of the New Year holiday season, which always provides a convenient excuse to defer decisions, the disintegration of the government coalition would be more advanced.

EARLIER ON in Mr. Begin's tenure, such a prospect of collapse might, with justice, have elicited partisan emotions. Dismay in the Likud could have been equalled by pleasure in Labour.

Today, however, serious-minded Israelis, and especially Labour and Likud politicians, must acknowledge that the crisis of anarchy grips both parties. The government's failure to govern, because its leader can no longer lead, is faithfully matched by Labour's disunity.

In these circumstances, familiar sentiments of party partisanship can only provide a foolish refuge.

Political scientists will, of course, be able to detect a malady in our party system as a whole: the discipline that once held our parties together has dissolved.

But today's government and today's parties cannot wait for long-term therapy. However debilitated, they must address today's problems with today's resources.

The specific question that must be asked is: what political resources can be released to provide the nation with a government that can govern? And how?

THE BEGINNINGS of the answer must lie in new elections. The call for new elections merely acknowledges that the present government has reached a dead end. Elections themselves are needed to locate anew the boundaries of majority opinion, the areas of broad national consensus.

In the past, that consensus lay astride both major parties as we know them today. Given the disunity that affects both the Likud and Labour, it is probable that elections could lead to some split to the right and left and that, even more decisively than in the past, neither

Dry Bones



party would be able, alone, to capture or represent the national will. Therefore only a government that embraced both parties would be able to govern. The specific weaknesses of the Likud and Labour would, in tandem, not disappear. But at least they would be moderated by such a government's basis of popular support.

READERS' LETTERS

FREEDOM TO DECIDE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We were horrified to read Judy Siegel's report of August 30, "Activist among dropouts..."

Our organization exists to help Soviet Jews. We do not attempt to tell them whether they should try to emigrate from the USSR and we do not presume to tell them where they should live if they succeed in obtaining an exit visa.

A MAN OF STATURE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After having read your two articles, "Vacuum at the top" and "The question of leadership" (September 7) I was astonished that one man was not mentioned whom I personally consider as outstanding: he has not only political acumen, but also a broad and comprehensive assessment of our future as a state.

I am not a party man and do not have any inside information, but this man seems to me above the petty intrigues and fight-for-power struggles. He has acquired the respect of the international community and has put our case clearly and forcefully before the nations.

WAGNER MUSIC

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Why is Wagner banished from our concert programmes, when the First Programme of Israel Radio transmits the concert of the Tonhalle Zurich conducted by Lovro von Matasics?

GABOR VIG (SIMOHONI) Azor.

settle and how we live, have no right to dictate to others where and how they should live their lives.

We appeal to world leaders to support Soviet Jews when they demand the right to emigrate or to lead Jewish lives within the Soviet Union. We cannot ask world leaders to support us if we qualify the freedom to be given to Soviet Jews, or to any other individual.

Generalizations about the future of Soviet Jews in the U.S. are as meaningless as any other generalizations. Some Soviet Jews will be attracted by the new Jewish culture that they meet in the U.S., others will not, just as some Soviet Jews will settle happily in Israel and others will leave within a matter of weeks.

MARGARET RIGAI RITA EKER On behalf of Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry London.

THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In his article of August 31, "The best defence," Chaim Herzog writes: "A series of advertisements should have been published in the major newspapers and magazines of the world highlighting the principle elements in the Palestinian Covenant..."

It is never too late to act, particularly in one's own defence, and not only governments have the right to publish advertisements: committees of concerned citizens have also been known to take steps for the good of the state.

Mr. Herzog's final proposal in this same article is that the government announce its willingness to talk to every Palestinian Arab who declares that he is not bound by these sections of the Palestinian Covenant which are obnoxious to Israel, and that he rejects terror as a weapon.

PHYLLIS FREED NARROL Beersheba.

PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR BABY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Photographer Lester J. Milman has indeed a memorable recording of his child's first year (September 7), but how many parents can afford such a phenomenal luxury? In view of the price of film and development, the average parent considers himself lucky if he can film his child three or four times in the year.

GELIA GOODMAN Jerusalem.

(CORRECTION)

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich, and not Prime Minister Begin, said, "I hardly could assume the onus of bringing down the Likud, could I." The inadvertent error appears in Mark Segal's article, "The cabinet's lightning rod," on Page Five of today's Jerusalem Post Magazine.

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